

## THE RAIL

### Campus

#### NEW HEALTH CENTER

The Northwest campus will combine the counseling center along with the existing health center. **see 3A**

#### GAUNT 'OPEN' HOUSE

An open house will be held from 4 to 6 p.m., Wednesday, April 19, at the Gaunt House for anyone who has not had the opportunity to tour the interior. Northwest President Dean Hubbard's wife, Aleta, will host the open house at their residence.

Located on the north side of College Avenue, west of the main University entrance, the Gaunt House is the oldest structure on the Northwest campus. It was built in 1870 by Thomas Gaunt and was added to the National Register of Historic Places in 1979.

All members of the University, community and general public are invited to attend.

#### HELPING HANDS

Volunteer opportunities are still available for the spring trimester. For more information on the following events, contact Angela Perkins, coordinator of Volunteerism and Service Learning, at 562-1954.

**April 17-21:** Food drive for the Campus Ministry Center, as part of National Volunteer Week.

**April 22:** Workday to cleanup Cain Cemetery, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

**April 29:** Volunteers needed for spring commencement ceremonies at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m.

### Local

#### ANOTHER YEAR

Michael Thompson, current mayor of Maryville, was again appointed for another term, and councilwoman Pat Cummings was appointed mayor pro tem on April 10.

#### DOGGIE LUNCHEON

The New Nodaway Humane Society of Maryville will host a luncheon from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., on Thursday, April 20, at First Christian Church, at Third and Buchanan streets. All proceeds go toward the care of animals at the shelter.

#### ANOTHER YEAR

Northwest Missouri citizens may have long-term water supply options within the year. **see 7A**

#### DENVER BOUND

St. Gregory's sends children to Denver to serve the less fortunate. **see 6A**

#### COUNTRY CRUISIN'

Camp Quality prepares to host its annual "Show-Me Tractor Cruise" to help send children with cancer to a camp made especially for them. **see 6A**

#### EVOLUTIONARY DEBATE

Maryville school teachers give their opinion on the debate between intelligent design and evolution being taught in public schools. **see 7A**

### Lifestyles

#### NOT SO ORDINARY

Couple roots up life to travel to Botswana, Africa, to help economic advancement. **see 8B**

# Bush visits state capitol

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President Bush told Missourians Tuesday "if you don't believe me, just ask the citizens it affects."

Bush made a stop in the state's capitol to promote his Part D Medicare plan. Mark McClellan, administrator for Medicare and Medicaid services along with Missourians who signed up for and are using the plan and a local pharmacist, joined the president.

Bush's plan was to let those affected sell his point for him.

"It's important for people to hear from citizens about it," Bush said. "You may not believe me, but you'll believe Bob or Jerry."

Bob Vanderfetz and Gerald Sooter were two retired Missourians joining the President on stage.

Sooter said he liked the stability of his plan.

He said his drug bill went from \$140 a month to about \$7 a month.

"Had I not been on medications, I still would have signed up," Sooter said. "As a senior I know down the road I may need it. It's a matter of piece of mind."

The president also shot down the notion that the plan was too difficult to understand and said Medicare had opened a hotline to deal with questions. Bush then urged people to visit with seniors they know to let them get informed before the May 15 deadline to sign up. Signing up after the deadline requires paying a penalty.

"This is a good deal and it cost nothing to look at," Bush said. "We don't want people choosing between their electric bill and food to get prescriptions."

Jodie Baker, a pharmacist at a Jefferson City K-mart also told the crowd she has helped many

see BUSH on 6A



PHOTO BY DENNIS SHARKEY / NWMISSOURIAN

**PRESIDENT BUSH** was joined by Missouri citizens in Jefferson City, Mo., Tuesday. The president was in the state capitol promoting his Medicare Part D program urging citizens to sign up before the May 15 deadline. This was the fourth time a sitting president visited the Missouri Capitol.

# Antarctic Adventure



PHOTOS COURTESY OF NATE RICE

**MCMURDO STATION** in Antarctica exists to provide support to scientists conducting research on the continent. All Raytheon Polar Services Company employees stationed at the base must abide by the 1961 Antarctic Treaty.

Maryville resident Nate Rice worked in Antarctica learning much about the country and himself

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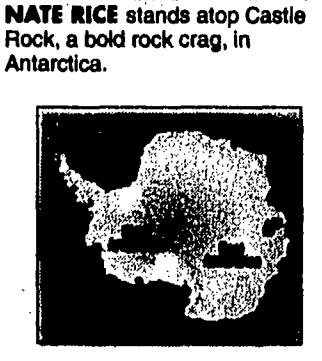
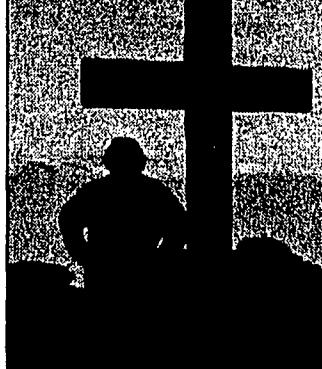
**T**he hatch door dropped open. Stepping off the plane, a feeling of uncertainty and blistering winds of -55 degrees Fahrenheit impaled him, slicing through his skin and stinging his face.

He recently graduated from Maryville High School but didn't feel ready for college life. Stories from a long-time family friend of business trips to Antarctica piqued his interest on what a voyage to the uninhabited continent would be like.

A place unscathed by war, where the environment is fully protected and science remains priority.

Months later, Maryville resident Nate Rice, 20, boarded a plane for Antarctica in September to work as a material handler in the supply department for Raytheon Polar Services Company of Englewood, Colo.

see ADVENTURE on 8A



The Antarctic Treaty was issued on June 23, 1961, after ratification by the 12 countries then active in Antarctic science.

#### Its objectives are:

■ To demilitarize Antarctica, to establish it as a zone free of nuclear tests and the disposal of radioactive waste and to ensure that it is used for peaceful purposes only

■ To promote international scientific cooperation in Antarctica

■ To set aside disputes over territorial sovereignty

# England trip to promote student employment

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Even though they are thousands of miles apart, Northwest and England are collaborating to help the latter develop a student employment program.

Northwest President Dean Hubbard will travel to England in May to speak about Northwest's Culture of Quality to around two-thirds of England's higher education officials.

He said England is also interested in student employment.

David Oehler, director of assessment, information and analysis said in the past higher education in England has been offered at low cost.

"In just talking about things we do, the whole idea of student employment is very new over there just because the way higher education is structured in England," Oehler said.

"Historically, higher education has been very low cost, and so students haven't been employed, and just in the last few years the government has allowed institutions to charge tuition and this next year it's going up quite a bit."

Paul Klute, graduate assistant said students in England take tests to decide if they are eligible to go on to higher education.

If a student is eligible, their education is funded by tax dollars, but due to decreased government income, more students are now responsible for paying for a percentage of their education.

"If you were to mention tuition to a student in England,

see ENGLAND on 8A

## NOT FORGOTTEN



**MARGARET THOMAS**, daughter of Lois Hall who died in an explosion at 123 S. Alco Ave., watches as a clean-up crew clears some of the debris from the site of the explosion that sent shockwaves through Maryville and the surrounding area. "The only thing I regret is that the neighbors had to look at it for a long period of time," Thomas said.

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# Instructor questions childcare program

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A member of Northwest's faculty hopes to raise awareness about lowering the minimum age of enrollment at the Horace Mann Laboratory School's Early Childhood Center.

Matt Johnson, instructor in the Department of History, Humanities, Philosophy and Political Science, will hold an open forum at 5 p.m., Tuesday, April 18, in the J.W. Jones Student Union Ballroom.

Johnson, who has a 3-year-old son and another child on the way, believes the Center should expand its services to accept children of faculty, staff and students as young as six weeks.

"Like most Americans my age, making ends meet is kind of difficult," Johnson said. "I've had to take my child to class before because daycare

didn't work out, or he was sick. I've had women (students) bringing kids in and had a young man bring his baby in a carrier."

"And I don't mind that in the classroom; I mean, people have got to do what they've got to do. But we should just have those facilities on campus."

Johnson said the purpose of the forum is to see if there is an interest among students, faculty and staff in his cause. However, after talking with representatives from the University's Faculty Welfare Committee and the Support Staff Council, Johnson feels his cause is worthy.

"No one's against it. All of us see the need for it, with the changing demographics," he said. "When attracting faculty who are coming to Maryville, one of the selling points is that this is a good place to raise

kids."

Northwest's current program provides early care and education for children ages 3 to 5. Licensed by the state for over a decade, the Center is nationally accredited by the National Association for the Education of Young Children.

Sheila Brookes, the Early Childhood Center's director, said while Johnson's proposal is worthy of consideration, the University would have to expand its facilities in order to accommodate a wider age range.

"You have to have special space for infants and toddlers," Brookes said. "It's not just a matter of saying, 'We'll take six-week-olds.' We have to have the space and equipment available for them. You can't just put them with the preschool and pre-k."

see CHILDCARE on 8A

## CAMPUSBRIEFS

### Celebration presents spring concert

Northwest's Celebration show choir will present its annual spring concert at 8 p.m., Friday, April 21, in the Mary Linn Performing Arts Center.

The free public performance will feature a variety of choreographed numbers, jazz harmony arrangements, ballads and show tunes. Doors open at 7:30 p.m. All seating is open.

Titled, "Celebration on Stage or Screen," the show spotlights music from both Hollywood and Broadway.

A seven-piece band will provide live music throughout the evening. The University's Department of Communication will provide assistance with lights and sets.

The choir's graduating seniors will be honored after the show during a reception in the lobby of the Mary Linn.

### IDM student wins Cover Art Challenge

Adam Clark, a Northwest Interactive Digital Media major, submitted the winning cover art entry in the 2006 Take the Cover Art Challenge Contest, sponsored by the Information Systems Department in cooperation with the CITE Office and the Fine Arts Department.

The contest is designed to draw attention to the Computer User's Guide to the Electronic Campus, which provides students with information about campus computing resources, guidelines and policies—the latter of which are so important to maintaining a secure and stable network.

Clark's cover was selected out of several student entries and will be used for the front cover of the 2006 User's Guide, which has a distribution of approximately 1,700 and is given free-of-charge to all incoming freshman, select faculty and administrative staff.

The submissions are judged by a panel representatives from the Fine Arts Department, the Information Systems Department and the CITE Office.

Clark is a member of the student Web Design team for University Relations, a member of Phi Theta Kappa International Society, founder of the Information Tech Club and former Student Senate treasurer.

### Washington University scientist speaks Monday

Richard K. Wilson, director of the Genome Sequencing Center at Washington University in St. Louis, will speak at Northwest at 4 p.m. Monday, April 17, in the J.W. Jones Student Union Ballroom.

Sponsored by Northwest's Missouri Academy of Science, Mathematics and Computing, Wilson's presentation is titled, "Genome Project 2006: On Zoos and Curing Cancer."

Wilson holds Ph.D. in chemistry from the University of Oklahoma and did post-doctoral work at the California Institute of Technology. A professor of genetics at Washington University since 1990, he was named head of the Genome Sequencing Center in 2002.

Under Wilson's leadership, the GS has become one of the world's leading centers for the high-speed sequencing of genetic material.

The presentation is free and open to the public.

### Tickets still available for Switchfoot

The alternative power pop band, "Switchfoot" will appear in concert at 8 p.m., Friday, April 21, at Bearcat Arena.

Tickets are on sale at the Student Services Center on the first floor of the Administration Building. Tickets are also available by phone at 562-1212 and online at [Nwmissouri.edu/tickets](http://Nwmissouri.edu/tickets). Cost is \$20 for the general public and \$12 for students with a valid Bearcat ID.

The concert is a presentation of the Student Activities Council, and partly funded by the Student Activity Fee.

## Northwest showcases new facilities

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Liberty, Mo.—Officials from Northwest and Liberty School District co-hosted an open house at Blue Jay Tower to celebrate the partnership that led to the new Northwest Kansas City Center.

A Memorandum of Understanding between the University and the high school allows the University to occupy the top two floors of the Blue Jay Tower, owned by the school district for five years, according to Darla Runyon, director of the center.

Runyon said the center provides college graduates living in the Kansas City metro area to enroll in graduate courses through the University.

"At this point, we're building on the education classes, like educational leadership, curriculum instruction, reading, special education and the doctorate program through MU

(Missouri)," Runyon said. "It's definitely win-win for us."

Runyon said the center will eventually hold classes for high school students interested in taking dual credit courses.

Max Ruhl, dean of the college of education and human services said the "sky is the limit."

"It's cost effective in the way that we're doing it here," he said. "You've already got a built in clientele, because the people who are going to school here are teachers in the Liberty district and the North Kansas City district."

Ruhl went on to give special thanks to Phil Wright, assistant superintendent of Business Operations for Liberty School District, and Scott Taveau, superintendent of schools, for their work on the partnership, who could not attend the event.

The center has been in operation since the beginning of the spring trimester, but delays in

the renovation project moved classes to Liberty High School, according to Runyon.

The center currently has 200 students enrolled, Northwest Provost Kichoon Yang said.

"Recruiting and serving the greater Kansas City area is one of our top strategic priorities," Yang said. "The center is consistent with our strategic vision."

The extension of Northwest helps students not able to be on the campus receive a degree from Northwest, Beverly Schenkel, dean of enrollment management said.

"Liberty represents Northwest well and the Kansas City and northland area," she said. "It really allows Northwest to serve those students who are place bound, who are unable to relocate to Northwest, but have a real interest in earning their degree from Northwest."

In addition to offering classes, the students enrolled at the center can rent laptop

personal computers complete with a wireless connection.

For some students, classes will be taught via ITV (Instructional Television), which will allow them to communicate and interact with the instructor, teaching from Northwest.

Currently, the center has two classrooms equipped with ITV receivers and one ITV classroom that can send and receive.

Michelle Alsbury, a 1985 graduate of Northwest, said she is excited about the partnership between the University and the high school.

"It's really going to take off and be something spectacular," she said. "It's advantageous for both the northland, the Liberty school district and especially for Northwest and it's a beautiful facility."

To enroll in classes or to get more information, the center can be reached at (816) 736-6600 or on the Internet at [Nwmissouri.edu/nwkc](http://Nwmissouri.edu/nwkc).

## Retirees honored at reception

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When their years of service to Northwest are added up, the total comes out to be over 100.

Four University faculty members, retiring at the end of the spring trimester, were honored at a reception Wednesday afternoon.

Members of both the campus and Maryville communities gathered in the J.W. Jones Student Union Ballroom to extend their congratulations to Craig Goad, associate professor of English; Channing and Louise Horner, both assistant professors in the Department of Communication, Theatre and Languages and Chanda Funston, associate professor of English.

Following opening remarks by University Provost Kichoon Yang each retiree spoke about their experiences at Northwest after being introduced by colleagues.

David Slater, professor emeritus of English, introduced Goad. At 40 years, the longest serving of the honored faculty, Goad had a number of items published during his career, including poems, reviews and literary dictionary entries. In addition, he was one of the founding editors of GreenTower Press and an editor for the University's literary magazine, *The Laurel Review*.

Channing Horner, who has served the University for 39 years, acknowledged the support of fellow faculty and students, his wife, Louise and colleagues in the Department of Music.

"It has really been a team experience," he said.

Regarding retirement, Horner addressed the issue on whether he and his wife, who enjoy traveling, would remain in Maryville.

"Heck yes, we are," he said. "Where else would we go after 39 years? We're planning to be around here awhile."

Sheila Phillips, assistant professor of Music and friend of the Horners, introduced Louise as "truly a renaissance woman," citing her extensive experience with music, the Spanish and French languages and culinary arts. Although



CHANDA FUNSTON socializes at the Faculty Retirement Recognition Ceremony Wednesday. Funston is one of four retiring teachers honored at the reception and has taught for 18 years at Northwest.

she officially began teaching at Northwest in 1986, she began her tenure at the institution as a halftime assistant professor of foreign languages in the late 60s.

Phillips praised the Horners for the quality of their teaching.

"The mark of the teacher is the legacy of the students he or she has taught," she said. "All the students who have studied under Channing and Louise have had their horizons widened."

Brenda Ryan, instructor of English, introduced Funston, who has served Northwest for 18 years. Funston plans to spend her retirement gardening, making jewelry and reading murder mysteries, among other "projects," Ryan said.

Funston joked about ending her teaching career, during which she has graded many freshmen composition papers.

"I believe there is a world outside of grading papers. I really do," Funston said.

Northwest President Dean Hubbard concluded the reception by expressing his appreciation of the retirees' dedication and commitment.

"One of the really pleasurable parts of my job is the opportunity to represent the University family...on an occasion like this," Hubbard said, "and to say to each of you that we really do appreciate what you've done at Northwest, the effort that you've put in...as you transition to another part of life."

## Concert unites past, present

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Songs of sincerity, amusement and patriotism will bring together generations of music to celebrate Northwest's Centennial.

More than 100 alumni choir members representing nearly five decades and 32 states will sing with the Tower Choir Tuesday, April 18.

"I hope the audience sees that music is of lifelong importance, and people who aren't music educators still do have a passion for the singing experiences they had in school. It shows that music is an important part of everyone's life," graduate choir member Jake Harlan said.

Stephen Town, professor of music, decided the first-time alumni concert was needed to help commemorate the Centennial.

"Choir members from the 60s, 70s, 80s, 90s and today will have the chance to reunite and connect to the teachers and the department," Town said.

As alumni brush up on their vocals, current Tower Choir members fine-tune their performance since they will be the first to sing, followed by the alumni and finishing with a collaboration featuring four selections.

The alumni plan to sing selections they requested. They will perform the festival chorus, "Laudamus," by Daniel Protheroe, the old English tune "Thou Gracious God, Whose Mercy Lends," by Mack Wilberg, the Negro spiritual, "Ezekiel Saw de Wheel," by William Dawson and the patriotic, "An American Hymn," by Cecil Effinger.

"I hope the audience understands how special this concert really is, not only the alumni, but also to the current members. It is so cool to have that many people sing with us," said freshman choir member Stephanie Estes.

Other activities scheduled for the day include an Alumni House reception, an afternoon rehearsal with the current Tower Choir, a post-rehearsal reception where faculty members and emeriti can socialize with their past students and a final reception after the concert.

"Conductors and students come and go, but Northwest always stays. This (concert) will allow alumni to stay connected to their alma mater and share the philosophy of music," Town said.

The concert will be held at 8 p.m. in Mary Linn Performing Arts Center. For more information, contact Town 562-1795.

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## OURVIEW

## Middle ground

Where should rebuilding New Orleans truly begin? We at the *Northwest Missourian* don't see either side making a great effort at discovering a middle-ground.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) arrived too late to meet the immediate needs of much of the New Orleans populace. That did not justify the unruly response with which they were met by the endangered and chaotic citizenry. The anti-FEMA outbursts and looting have become a symbol at this point, representing continued resentment and impatience toward the federal management of New Orleans's recovery.

The frustration has become warranted.

In the wake of the Bush Administration sinking billions of dollars into bailing out the American oil industry, the predicted cost of rebuilding New Orleans's levees—which the government cannot complete until around June 2007—has risen to nearly \$10 billion. While American oil continues to lose ground to OPEC and other overseas contingents, New Orleans loses ground to another hurricane season.

This goes beyond a please-the-voters matters. This now evolves into a protect-an-entire-region matter. No one can undo or stop a Category 5 hurricane but the Bush Administration can make preventing a second catastrophe with the national ripple-effect of Katrina. Even Bush's recent ludicrous revenue-generating scheme to sell thousands of acres of national forest land to raise money for federal debt relief and funding rural schools makes no mention of any attempt to make paying off levee-building projects a top priority.

To make matters worse, that makes it incumbent upon the state and local governments to take the initiative in the midst of local dissension. And though it defies conventional logic to change leadership in the midst of a crisis, New Orleans may need to forsake that wisdom and take a different direction. Mayor Ray Nagin's remarks calling for a "chocolate city" to be rebuilt on the ruins of old New Orleans infuriated and alienated the very same white voters who elected him. Nagin at times appears too public relations-oriented to move his own agenda down the list, and forgets that displaced New Orleans residents don't yet have the Crescent City he urges them to "come home" to yet.

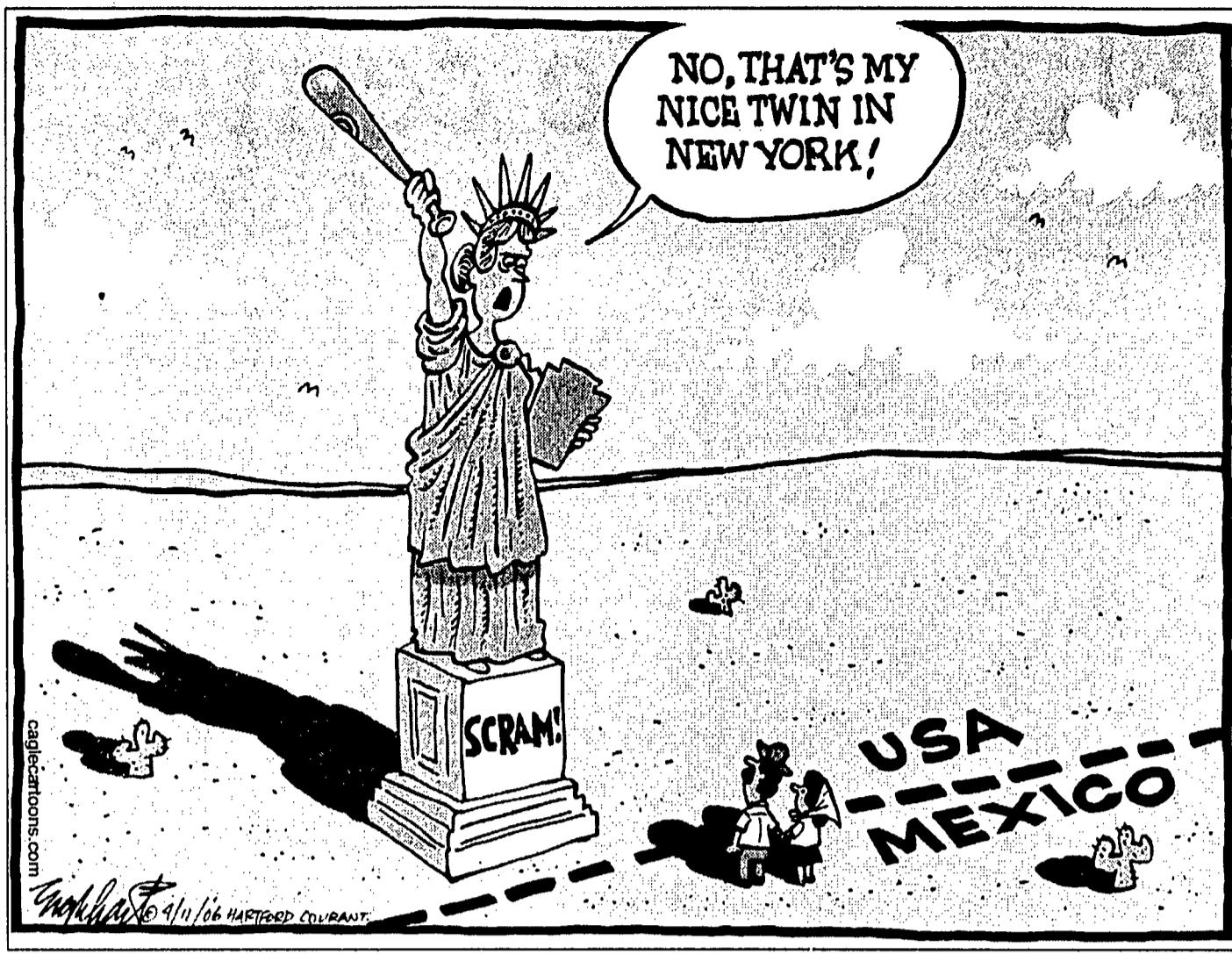
Nagin cannot even seem to divert his focus from the racial/class division in New Orleans to focus on how his city will be rebuilt. At least 50,000 Hispanic workers—many with uncheckable immigration status—work to rebuild New Orleans, while Nagin and Rev. Jesse Jackson complain about Hispanics taking jobs from displaced blacks.

This seems like neither the time nor the place.

The federal contingent in the rebuilding process may, sooner rather than later, need to take a hard-line stance and demand a single-minded focus. That would mean reminding Nagin and Jackson that without the influx of Hispanics, there won't be a city to entice back the already reluctant displaced population. Nagin and Jackson would simply have to grin and bear the issuance of thousands of temporary work-permits, if they wanted any semblance of a working city before another storm approaches.

At this point, that would appear to be the least that the Bush Administration should be able to muster after dragging their feet on the levee issue. The private sector picked up considerable slack by adopting families, flooding organizations with donations and setting up placement programs for New Orleans college students to transfer to universities including Northwest. But following the nationwide impact of last season's storms, the Bush Administration must do what's right for the region, in the interest of doing what's right for the rest of the nation. This is, after all, the United States—and we must see to it that we live up to both halves of our moniker.

In the meantime, though nobody lost the symbolism of Louisiana State University's run to the Final Four, a scaled-down Mardi Gras celebration or the NBA's New Orleans Hornets playing their first home-games back in New Orleans, the time for focus has arrived. If Nagin cannot grasp that New Orleans is a city—not a batch of racial census numbers—then the city needs to thank him for his work thus far and attempt a new route in rebuilding.



## Judicial activism inevitable, but is that such a bad thing?

Show me a judge who can't be creative, and I can point out a judge who can't live up to the responsibilities of the job.

Individual legislators write bills and collectively pass a few of them. Executives—governors, presidents, and so on and so forth—implement them by signing them into law. Judges, in turn, get stuck with the most misunderstood role in the entire process.

Legislators cannot create bills—which, of course, eventually become laws—that provide a liner if-then course of action for every individual instance. Legislators can do nothing more than write and debate, while executives may do nothing more than sign into law. Law enforcement, whether federal, state or local, may apprehend the citizens who flout the law.

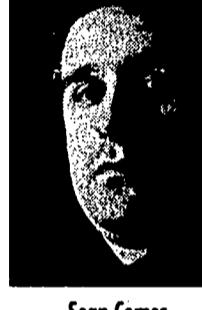
But judges get stuck sanding, sawing and shaving a square-peg so a round hole can accommodate it.

The Supreme Court gets the lion's share of both the glory and the scorn, but judges at every level must exercise a degree of creativity to decide how the law should apply in similar future circumstances.

They have to inevitably apply individual perspective just to be decisive in their actions.

So things get sticky at this point. History defines Roe v. Wade and Brown v. Board of Education as groundbreaking decisions which turned the tide for abortion rights and desegregation, respectively.

### Jagged Edges



Sean Comer  
Opinion Editor

That much deserves at least acknowledgement. However, for the sake of discussion, this much also must be noted: not everybody got what they wanted from those two decisions. America remembers them in part because the court reached two very controversial decisions—and what can be controversial that lacks at least some dissension?—and in part because they changed the way the courts applied the laws.

In *Griswold v. Connecticut*, the Supreme Court established an implied "right to privacy" written absolutely nowhere in the Constitution.

"Judicial activism" at work, plain and simple.

However, people who I quite frankly doubt know any better howl about "activist judges" on a fairly regular basis—we usually call these people "politicians whose interests got spanked by the Supreme Court." Judges should not be allowed to "write laws" with their decisions. Judges must adhere strictly to the "word of law." Conveniently, this garbage pops up when judges don't rule the way someone expected or wanted. And both sides do it, so no finger pointing, OK?

Expect to hear this a lot if an abortion case that would present an opportunity to overturn Roe v. Wade comes before the Roberts-era Supreme Court.

If judges rule to alter abortion rights in such a decision by overturning Roe, expect pro-choice riots.

So let's just address this now and get it over with.

Roe v. Wade was as much an "activist" decision as anything since. The Constitution said nothing whatsoever affirming or denying a right to abort a pregnancy, so the Supreme Court fore-saw a recurring question and answered it. If Roberts's court overturns it, it changes the guard from one activist decision to the next.

See what I mean? Completely unavoidable "activism."

I use that term very, very loosely. In fact, part of me regrets having used it at all, while the rest of me just wants to try to see things the way others do. Creativity cannot exist, though, without perspective.

And individual perspective emanates, in part, from individual experiences, ideals and education. A justice ruling from even the most politically vacuous frame of mind still reasons on the application of the law from some individual ideal of where the case fits.

Now, once again consider the implied definition of "judicial activism" to which society subscribes.

As in many previous instances, the Supreme Court doesn't judge something "fairly" or "impartially"—they only either render along the lines of what one side wants or they don't. Roe v. Wade was an activist decision that, to this day, not everyone agrees upon. At the time, Brown v. Board of Education shook up and angered the status quo.

In the language of the American public, the negative use of the term "activist court" or "judicial activism" just means the user didn't agree with the final decision.

Fortunately, the Supreme Court doesn't have to make everyone agree.

### CAMPUSTALK

Now that spring has arrived, what's one thing you've been waiting to do?



"I've waited to plant my flowers,"  
Minnie Marriott  
Clearmont Resident



"I can't wait to go outside and relax in the grass and be outside,"  
Hana You  
Business Administration



"Get outside and be active. I am excited to ride my bike and play sports,"  
Amber Comer  
Journalism



"I am ready to go swimming,"  
Amber Comer  
Early Childhood Education

"I can't wait to get outside and work in the yard,"  
Ronda Wilson  
Burlington Junction Resident

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# All-in-one center for health

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A recent trend in college health is leading Northwest to a one-stop-shop approach.

Construction will begin next month on a \$1.5 million expansion project of Northwest's Health Center, which will allow space for the counseling center and an office for the campus dietitian.

The new center is expected to be open by at least the start of the Fall 2007 trimester, according to the plan documents.

It will also house some grant programs such as Light-house and suicide prevention programs.

Vice President of Finance Ray Counter said the project costs would not be passed onto the students. He said the money will come from bar-

rowed funds against Northwest's cash and is a process that has been used several times in the past for other projects. Counter said Northwest should be able to pay itself back in approximately five years. He also said no money would be used from the student health fees.

Director of Health Services Gerry Wilmes said there is a trend in college health to integrate, but said there is a strong correlation between physical and mental health.

"Almost all physical health issues have an emotional component and vice versa," Wilmes said. "Integration is just a natural fit."

Counseling Services Director Elizabeth Wood agreed. She said people are busier than they used to be and referrals from the Health Center reflect it.

"Our primary referrals we do get from the Health Center is related to stress," Wood said. "People don't want to face the reality that they may be overcommitted or they need to make changes in their lifestyle to reduce stress."

Wood and Wilmes both said they hope the move will also help in reducing stigma issues associated with mental health.

Wood said she believes the move will help coordinate services a lot better. She said many times a student will get a referral to the counseling center but they don't always show up.

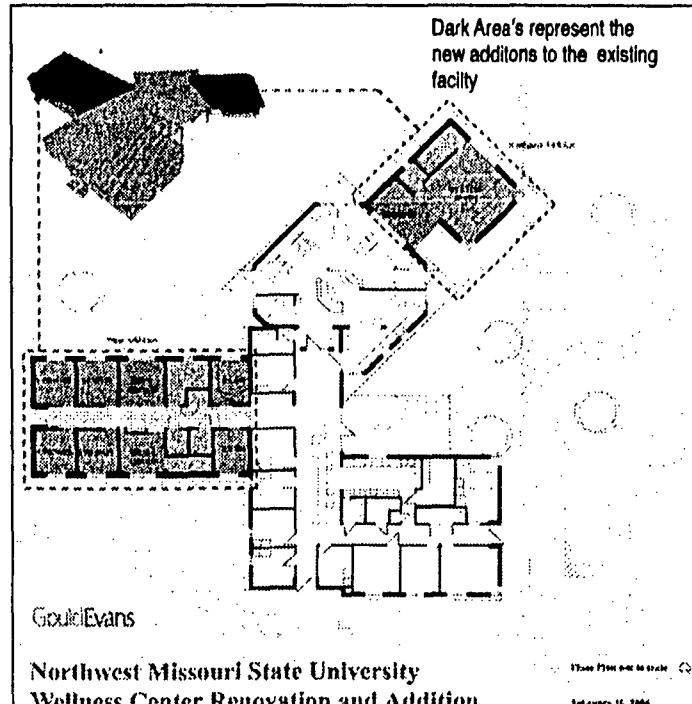
She said some could be looking for a quick fix to their stress and others may be affected by the stigma. Having both in the same office, the hope is to get the students the proper help they need.

"We do a lot of cross referrals and we can coordinate services," Wood said. "Students set up appointments on the phone but they don't always show up at the same place."

The move will also open up space in Wells Hall where the counseling center is currently located.

Vice President of Student Affairs Kent Porterfield and Counter said there has been no discussion of what exactly would be done with the space vacated. But both men said departments housed in Thomson-Ringold would be involved in the plans. Counter said he believes the modular classrooms have served their purpose but it's time to move out.

"We need to begin to wean ourselves off of the modular," Counter said. "They were only meant to last so long."



Northwest Missouri State University  
Wellness Center Renovation and Addition

**NORTHWEST'S NEW** Wellness Center combines both the health and counseling portions of campus to better assist students.

## Bartik opens up about her full life

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Working at the Northwest bookstore and coffee shop in the 1940's, she never expected to become part of history.

Alumna Jean Jennings Bartik, who graduated from Northwest in 1945, told stories at the open house of her museum in the B.D. Owens Library on Friday, April 7.

Bartik first came to Northwest for pre-journalism then switched her major to math. She was the only "civilian" or non-military person and female in a number of her math classes. She also had class with many sailors during World War II.

"When I took physics and we had lab, I had a number of them (men) fighting who got to have me in their group."

When the programmers were being selected to work on the world's first computer, the Electronic Numerical Integrator and Computer (ENIAC), Bartik was picked as the second alternative.

The ENIAC was programmed at Aberdeen Proving Ground, an army base in Aberdeen, Md. One of the women originally chosen declined the opportunity to program the ENIAC due to the living conditions of the barracks. The first alternative was on vacation in Missouri and also turned down the offer.

"I was very surprised when they called me in on a Friday and asked me if I could go to Aberdeen on Monday to learn punch card equipment.



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**NORTHWEST ALUMNA** Jean Jennings Bartik speaks at the Consortium for Computing Sciences in Colleges conference on Friday.

I didn't know a thing about Aberdeen so I thought it was wonderful. I jumped for the chance to go," Bartik said.

Bartik, whose job title was then called computer—now called programmer—enjoyed the opportunity to program the ENIAC.

"I thought I died and gone to heaven," Bartik said.

Bartik shared memories of growing up on a farm near Stanberry, Mo. Bartik was milking cows when she was five.

Bartik said she was taught by her parents to work hard and that her mother was always supportive of her and her siblings. She said her success came from growing up on a farm and always finishing everything she started.

"My mother was really talented although she wasn't an educated woman. She could have sewn for Christian Dior," she said.

Bartik hasn't been on campus since the opening of her

## PUCKER UP



**HANNAH BARFOOT** and Patrick Robbins perform, "Same Time Next Year" held in the Mary Linn Performing Arts Center on April 6 and 7. The two have worked together in the past in projects such as "Hedda Gabler" and "Rumors."

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## Intelligent design, evolution debate not contingent upon believing in God

The question of whether or not intelligent design ought to be taught in public schools currently divides the nation.

Some states' board of education, such as South Carolina, reject the notion of teaching that life is so complex it must have had a creator—an idea some label as creationism void of religious references. Others, such as the Kansas Board of Education, treat evolution as a flawed theory and allow intelligent design to be a part of curriculum.

While the United States remains divided on whether or not we evolved from apes or a higher power is solely responsible, Americans should stand united on two things: the separation of church and state and our First Amendment.

### Faith Defined



Stephanie Stangl  
Co-Editor in Chief

ment rights.

The U.S. Supreme Court ruled in *Reynolds v. U.S.* in 1879, "The First Amendment's purpose...was to create a complete and permanent separation of the spheres of religious activity and civil authority by comprehensively forbidding every form of public aid support for religion."

Some try to twist around the debate and make it about whether or not there is a God. Somehow, if you reject the notion that intelligent design should be taught in public institutions some label you an atheist.

How could you ever respect the separation of church and state and our First Amendment freedoms and still be Christian?

The fundamental issue here is not of a religious nature at all. It is about respecting these two basic entities that our nation was built upon. It is also about respecting other religions present within the school district. Teaching evolution accounts for and does not contradict other religious beliefs. Apparently, Hindu's, Buddhists, Islam's and Jewish people don't need to be taught science. In essence, teaching intelligent design discriminates against these other religions.

There is a time and place for everything. People need to acknowledge the fact that you can support the idea that God created everything, including the apes and Charles Darwin the theory of evolution stems from.

Teach evolution in science because of its scientific nature.

Leave the religious lesson for Sunday school.

## Immigration not about economics

Sitting at a worn, wooden table eating a bowl of Total with half a banana a man of 73, swallowed, set down his spoon and looked at his wife saying, "I just don't understand where they get off thinking they can come here and not speak English."

I was working on a completely unrelated matter, when I happened to stumble into this conversation about the current immigration debate. It was then I realized that perhaps the protesters in Los Angeles, Dallas and Phoenix didn't have a chance.

Recently news outlets reported on a Senate judiciary committee proposal that would allow illegal immigrants to remain here if they learn English, pay a fine and study American civics. The proposal arose after the demonstrators

### Wrinkle in Time



Jessica Schmidt  
Copy Editor

protested against the previous one that would've made criminals out of the 12 million illegal immigrants.

After watching these reports, I began to think that this man I overheard, who represents the demonstrators' opposition, had a point; it's not really about economics or national security, it's really about their national identity.

Americans like the one I heard don't want to see foreigners coming into the United States waving their home country's flag and speaking another language.

Video streaming out of news outlets earlier this week showed marchers holding up signs in Spanish, "Si, se puede!" Translating to, "Yes, we can!" Along with placards holding up an unfamiliar language, the marchers also

waved red, white and green Mexican flags.

These things only solidify their opposition's beliefs, that the Mexican immigrants will not learn English and do not truly want to be "Americans."

According to the Census Bureau, Mexican men are more likely to join the labor force than any other racial or ethnic group. Almost half of the Mexican immigrants own their own homes. Americans of Hispanic descent also own 1.6 million businesses, generating \$222 billion annually. What is most interesting is that a majority of third-generation Mexican immigrants speak only English.

So if you put the flags aside, the Hispanic immigrant population is more like generations of immigrants that came before them. If the immigration advocates want to win over the American doubters, they need draw on what we have in common.

### COMIC OF WEEK: GATORADE



## Protecting local children, teens

### Capitol Report



Brad Leger  
Missouri Representative

grown. This legislation increases the penalties for child enticement, allows the Board of Probation and Parole to access information from the home computer of any registered sexual offender and creates a multi-jurisdictional Internet cyber crime unit to actively pursue sexual deviants on the Internet.

Last year we passed legislation that required repeat sexual offenders to wear electronic monitoring devices for the rest of their lives. This year, we have expanded the definition of a repeat or persistent sexual offender and affirmed the value of Missouri's sexual registry by requiring the state registry to display a physical description of the offender, a description of the offender's vehicle, and a current record of the offender's compliance status. It is a great resource and you can find it on the Missouri State Highway Patrol Web site at Mshp.dps.missouri.gov.

Working towards this goal, last week, the Missouri House of Representatives passed House Bill 1698, otherwise known as "Jessica's Law." Currently, the penalty for forcible rape and sodomy in Missouri is a minimum of five years imprisonment. Under HB 1698, the minimum penalty will be 25 years for any sex crime when the victim is a 10-year-old or younger. This legislation also increases the penalty for any person who is convicted of molesting a child from a class A misdemeanor to a class D felony and creates the crime of harboring a sexual predator. We cannot tolerate anyone helping these criminals avoid authorities.

Child enticement over the Internet has become a greater problem in recent years, as the use of the Internet to do homework and communicate with their friends has

## Biotechnology vital to rural economy

### Governor's Desk



Matt Blunt  
Governor

Plant sciences and biotechnology have fast emerged as a vital and dynamic sector in Missouri's economy, accounting for \$24 billion in annual economic benefits and thousands of high quality jobs.

The biotechnology sector has played a valuable role in our state's livelihood since 1979. The state's biotechnology sector accounts for more than 390 cutting-edge research and academic facilities, which generate more than 170,000 direct jobs and support 260,000 indirect jobs.

Last year I established the Governor's Advisory Council for Plant Biotechnology. The council is responsible for analyzing the state's current plant sciences environment to determine how Missouri can best capitalize on the industry's potential.

There is immeasurable opportunity for economic growth in value-added agriculture and plant sciences, and I am committed to establishing partnerships among farmers, scientists, educators, businesses and government to create high quality jobs for Missourians.

The Lewis and Clark Discovery Initiative is an opportunity for Missouri to continue to position ourselves as the leader in the expanding fields of plant sciences and biotechnology. The initiative would generate \$450 million, including \$30 million to enhance growth and development of technology for businesses all across our state.

The initiative I support provides for capital improvement projects such as plant science research centers, health science research and education centers, business incubators and facility renovations that will support professional training and research in the sciences at Missouri's public universities and colleges.

I will soon have the opportunity to represent Missouri's interests at the BIO2006 conference. Greg Steinhoff, director of the Department of Economic Development, and several of our state's premier biotechnology companies will also participate in the conference. The international event will offer our delegation an excellent opportunity to meet with biotechnology companies and academic research institutions from the global community and discuss with them the exciting business opportunities awaiting them in Missouri.

Public Safety reports, municipal court records and births will be printed in next week's April 20 issue of The Missourian.

## CITYBRIEFS

## 'In Transit' to perform at The Pub

Amnesty International will host a benefit concert featuring the band, "In Transit" at 10 p.m., Friday, April 14, at The Pub, 414 N. Main St.

The cost is \$3 at the door, and guests must be 21 or older. Proceeds benefit Amnesty International and Seeds of Peace, an international organization that trains young people from areas of conflict around the world to become peaceful leaders in their community.

For more information, contact Amnesty at 562-5611 or at Amnesty@nwmissouri.edu.

## Jazz concert features Northwest students

The Northwest County Historical Society will host its fourth annual "Jazz at the Museum" concert at 7 p.m., Wednesday, April 19. The society's museum and offices are located at 110 N. Walnut in Maryville.

This year's featured group is the Ad Hoc Jazz Quintet, which consists of Michael Steiner, associate professor of history (trumpet), and four Northwest students: Ben Gervais (drums), Joe Park (piano), Kyle Dreessen (saxophone) and Matt McGroarty (bass).

Ad Hoc's program will explore the influence of Latin music on American jazz.

Admission is free and the event is open to the public.

## Sewer line to be replaced on Park Ave.

The city of Maryville will begin a sewer line replacement project over the next couple of months.

The project will involve four blocks on Park Avenue, and there will be no service disruption during the project, city manager Michael Rietz said.

"The pipes that are there would get full during rain events," Rietz said. "We were seeing some backup problems, which you don't like to have, so this should provide relief for that."

Rietz said the City Council awarded the bid to White Cloud Engineering out of Maryville.

"With the action of the council, we've given them a notice to proceed, so the contractor can proceed according to his schedule," Rietz said.

The cost of the project is estimated at \$99,458.

## St. Gregory's sends youth to Denver

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Six youth and two adults will travel to Denver, to serve the less fortunate.

Members of the youth group at St. Gregory's church in Maryville will be in Denver from July 9 through 14, doing things like working at homeless shelters, doing activities with children and possibly assisting the elderly, said Cris Jacobson, St. Gregory's youth leader.

Jacobson said the choice to go to Denver was based on the number of homeless shelters in the Denver area.

This is the first of it's kind for the group from the church and is open to anyone, Jacobson said.

Group members will travel

by van with living accommodations probably being in a high school gym.

Father Martin De Meulenaere hopes the students take from this what it is like to share what they have, to serve, and to see what it is like to live in an impoverished atmosphere.

Funding for this trip was done by providing a pancake breakfast at the Newman Center, as well as selling mission trip stock. For \$5 a share, people can invest in what Jacobson terms, "youth making a difference."

Upon return from the trip, a stockholders meeting will be held for all those who bought stock, and the students will rehash what they saw to complete their learning, Jacobson said.

## Cruising for good cause

By Jared Bailey  
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A ride in this caravan means not only having a good time but also helping a good cause.

The 4th Annual "Show-Me Tractor Cruise" will be touring Andrew County on June 24. All the participants will be displaying tractors in a parade that will go from Derr Equipment in Savannah, Mo., to St. Joseph, Mo., and return to Derr Equipment for a barbecue dinner. Organizers intend to use the special day as a means of raising money for Camp Quality, a camp for children with cancer.

Registration costs \$30, with all money going towards the camp. Camp Quality acts as a week-long summer camp for children diagnosed with some form of cancer. Many of the patients are dealing with chemotherapy and rarely

ever have time to be kids. Instead of talking about the disease they get their minds off their normal routines and have some fun.

"It's all about helping the kids," Brad Derr, owner of Derr Equipment, said. "They have been able to donate a little more each year. Every year they do a fine job."

Those watching the parade are encouraged to donate to Camp Quality. When the cruise started in 2003 there were 87 tractors and \$35,000 was collected. Last year 379 tractor drivers participated and \$60,000 was collected. People from Kansas, Nebraska, Iowa and Missouri partake in this event.

"When you've seen something grow as fast as this you can lose focus," said Tom Brand, a member of the organizing committee. "The tractors are the tools. The biggest goal is to raise money for the kids."

## BUSH: President speaks out about new federal medicare plans

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of customers who are seniors, choose from over 40 different plans.

"It's been a God send," Baker said. "Too see these low income individuals leave with their drugs that their doctor prescribed and what they need just warms my heart."

Not all pharmacists agree.

Smaller pharmacies like Country Side, in Savannah, Mo., have a tougher time dealing with the plan.

Country Side owner Anne Barr said she encourages her customers, whom are mostly seniors, to enroll in the plan if it helps.

But she said the program has been less than impressive to her. In January, when the plan was first implemented, many customers' discounts would not go through. Barr said she ended up footing the bill.

"Medicare computers were not talking to the insurance company computers so therefore we couldn't get the info we needed," Barr said. "Being a pharmacy owner I was left holding the bag, I just had the people pay what they were supposed to."

Barr also said smaller pharmacies have trouble even making a profit because most times there is a four to six week waiting period for reimbursements and even then they are not always the full amount.

She said although she hasn't had financial problems to this point, she knows other pharmacies have had to seek help. Although Barr and others must wait weeks for payment, she said the drug distributors are still waiting for their money every week.

"I managed to squeak by but a lot of my friends in the pharmacy business had to take out lines of credit or loans and I might still have to borrow money," Barr said.

"Four to six weeks of not getting paid; it adds up. You just can't stay in business that way. Something has to be done."

Others believe there are problems for the consumers as well, despite what Bush says.

Missouri Attorney General Jay Nixon last launched a campaign against the President's plan last month, called "the campaign to fix Bush's Plan D disaster."

Nixon is holding rallies across the state in conjunction with Americansunitedforchange.org and the Missouri Progressive Vote Coalition.

American's United Press Secretary Jeremy Funk said the deadline must be extended to correct problems with a plan he calls costly, confusing and corrupt.

Funk said there are a few main issues that need to be addressed.

The plan doesn't allow Medicare to negotiate prices with drug companies. Second, it has a donut hole that doesn't cover those who have an annual cost between \$2,250 and \$5,100. Third, it allows insurance companies to take covered drugs off the list, but leaving the customers stuck in the plan. And the cost to tax payers is much higher than what the public was first told.

"Simply put, it's a disaster," Funk said. "We believe to significantly reduce the cost of prescriptions you need to allow Medicare to negotiate with drug companies and this law prohibits that. We should prevent insurance company bureaucrats from taking drugs off the plan for no reason at all and you're stuck with a company. Until those things are fixed we need to extend the deadline."

Primaris, an insurance company will offer a free seminar and sign-up assistance in Maryville this Wednesday April 19. The event will be located at 1407 N. Country Club Road Suite 200.

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# Group working on local water solutions

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In 18 to 24 months, northwest Missouri citizens may have long-term water supply options for their water districts to help increase the abundance and quality of water.

The Northwest Missouri Water Steering Team, Northwest Missouri State University and the Missouri Department of Natural Resources (DNR) are working together to develop options for 12 counties.

The project involves the counties of Andrew, Atchison, Buchanan, Caldwell, Clinton, Davies, DeKalb, Gentry, Harrison, Holt, Nodaway and Worth.

The University is currently in the process of hiring a community planner to work with the DNR staff members to help coordinate water supply options for northwest Missouri counties.

The position is funded for 18 months and the steering team will advise the community planner.

Nancy Thomson, executive director of the Northwest Missouri Regional Council of Governments, said the first step of the community planner and the Steering Team is to collect information to determine the overall water problem. Then the community planner, with the help of DNR, will develop water supply options for the 12 counties.

Thomson said the overall water problem in northwest Missouri is critical.

"Wells are drying up, runoff contamination is very high and our soil composition does not lend itself to high quality filtering," Thomson said.

Kerry Cordray, the division information officer for the Field Services Division of Missouri's DNR, said the role of the DNR with the Steering Team is to provide resources, staff, data information systems and financial assistance funds.

"Several thousand Missouri residents in this region of the state do not have access to public drinking water and have to use shallow wells or haul water for several miles. Due to limited surface water resources, economic growth in northwest Missouri has been limited," Cordray said.

Frank Veeman, special assistant to the president, said Maryville has an abundant water supply compared to other areas.

According to Thomson, the steering team was created at the November 2005 drinking water planning conference.

Thomson said the conference was held by the DNR and the Northwest Missouri Regional Council of Governments with the cooperation of the University, the Green Hills Planning Commission and Mo-Kan Regional Planning Commission.

The steering team members were selected upon recommendations from one of the three Regional Planning Commissions and submitted to the DNR for approval. Thomson said each member has some level of experience or understanding of water issues.

Veeman said not all 12 counties have representation for the plan.

"Everybody knows we have a problem, but nobody does anything about it," Veeman said.

Both Veeman and Thomson anticipate a plan with alternatives by the end of the 18 months.

The steering team meets from 10 a.m. to noon on the first Tuesday of each month on campus and is open to the public.

Maryville is currently considering a contract with People Services Inc. to operate and manage Maryville's water/waste water treatment plant. People Services Inc. operate plants throughout the United States. The city will discuss the investigation of People Services Inc. at the April 24 meeting.

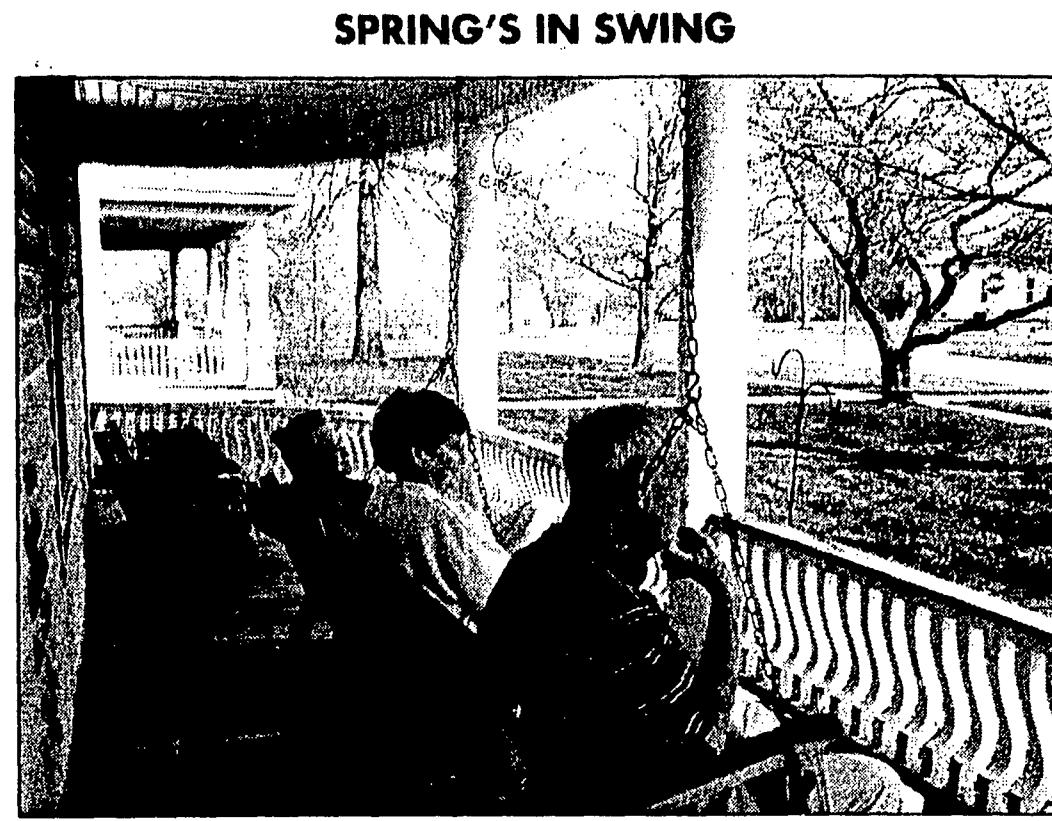


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WITH THE UNUSUALLY warm weather, Maryville residents J.B. Law (left), his wife, Betty and her brother, Don Gordon, spend tons of time swinging on the porch at their 409 W. Ninth St. home. "We spend most of our time out on the porch," Betty said. "...Our grandson calls us 'porch potatoes'."

## Evolution in the classroom

Man's creation; a 'controversial' topic among classes

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When it comes to the classroom, the subject of what to teach is always an issue.

When it comes down to science, the issue gets even more heated.

Whether or not to teach evolution in classrooms across the United States has been a question many have asked. Missouri attempted to pass House Bill 1266 earlier this year that stated, "If a theory or hypothesis of biological origins is taught, a critical analysis of such theory or hypothesis shall be taught in a substantive amount."

Rep. Robert Wayne Cooper, chief

sponsor of the bill, also introduced two bills in 2003 trying to institute Intelligent Design (the concept that certain features of the universe and of living things are best explained by an intelligent cause, not an undirected process such as natural selection). The purpose of the bills was to make Intelligent Design be taught in Missouri public schools.

The House Elementary and Secondary Education Committee declared that there was not enough room for HB 1266 because they are permitted to submit a limited number of bills to the floor.

It was also said that various teacher groups and school organizations, along with faith-based groups, opposed the bill.

Matt Stoecklein, chemistry and physics teacher at Maryville High School, said that the science department teaches the theory of evolution. Teachers stress more of the change

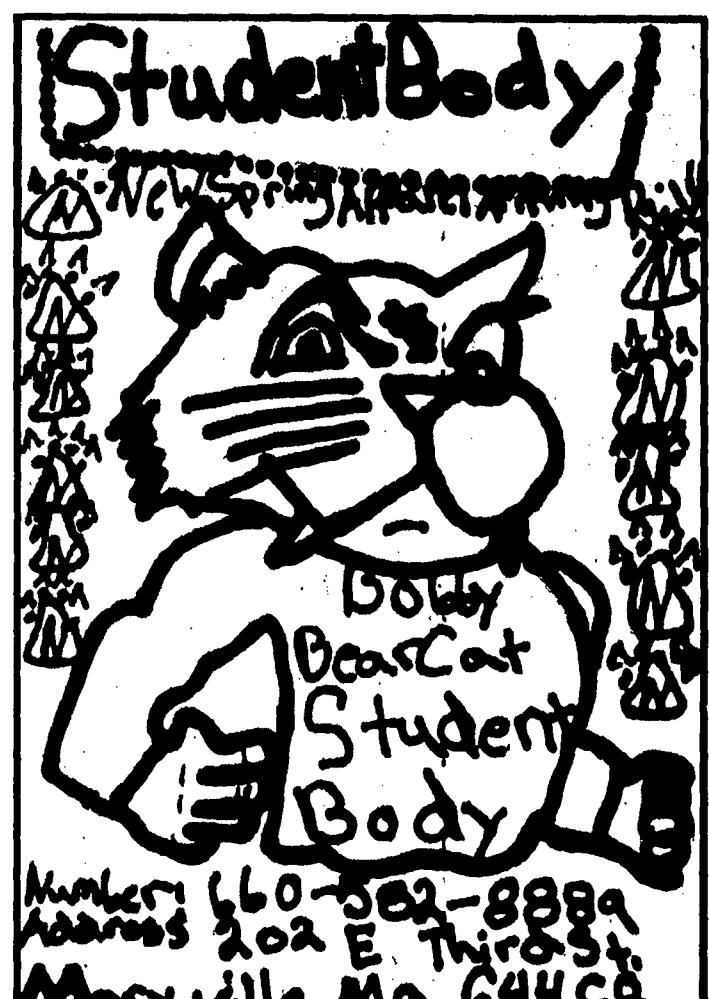
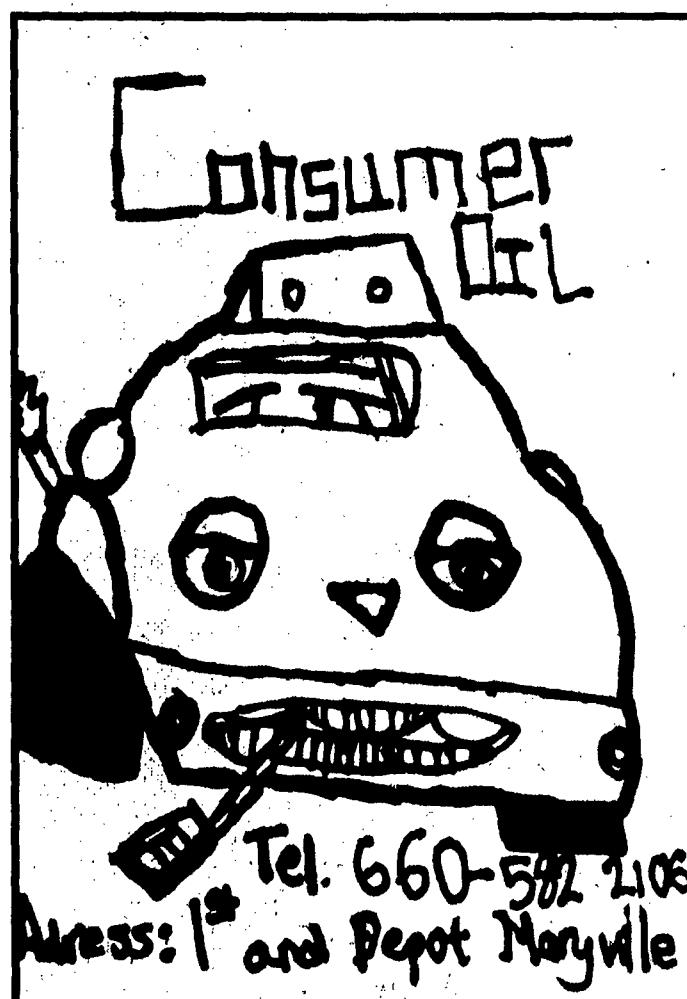
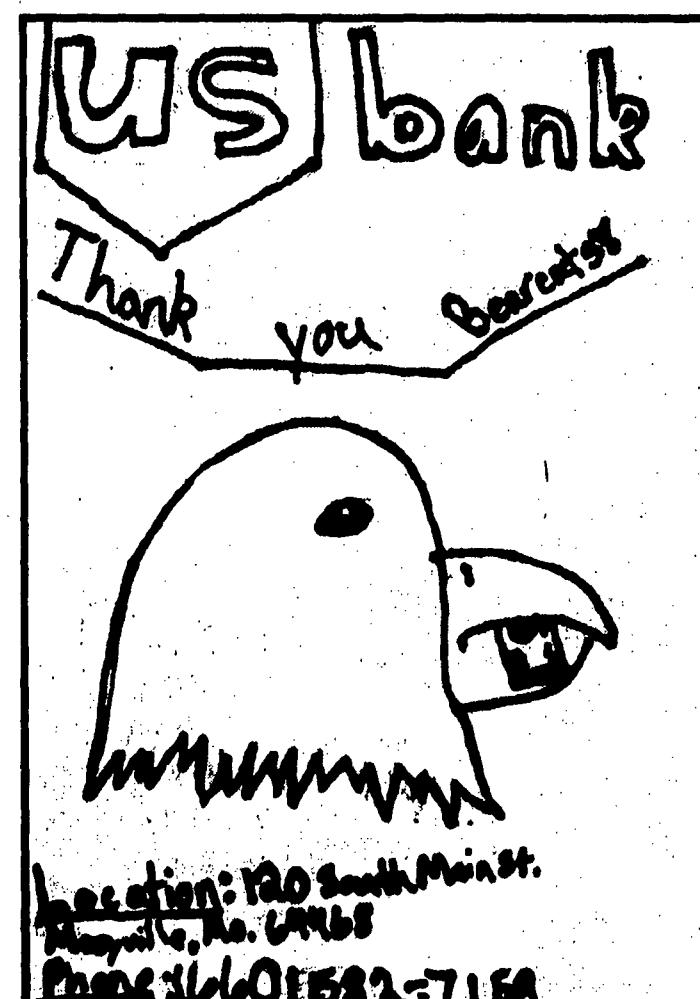
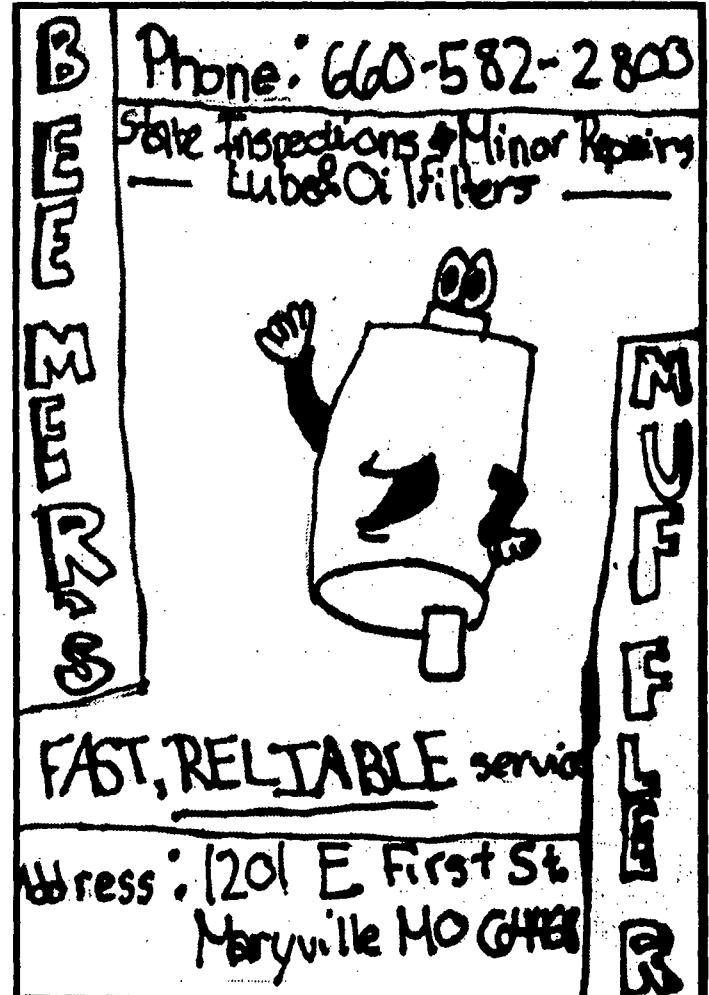
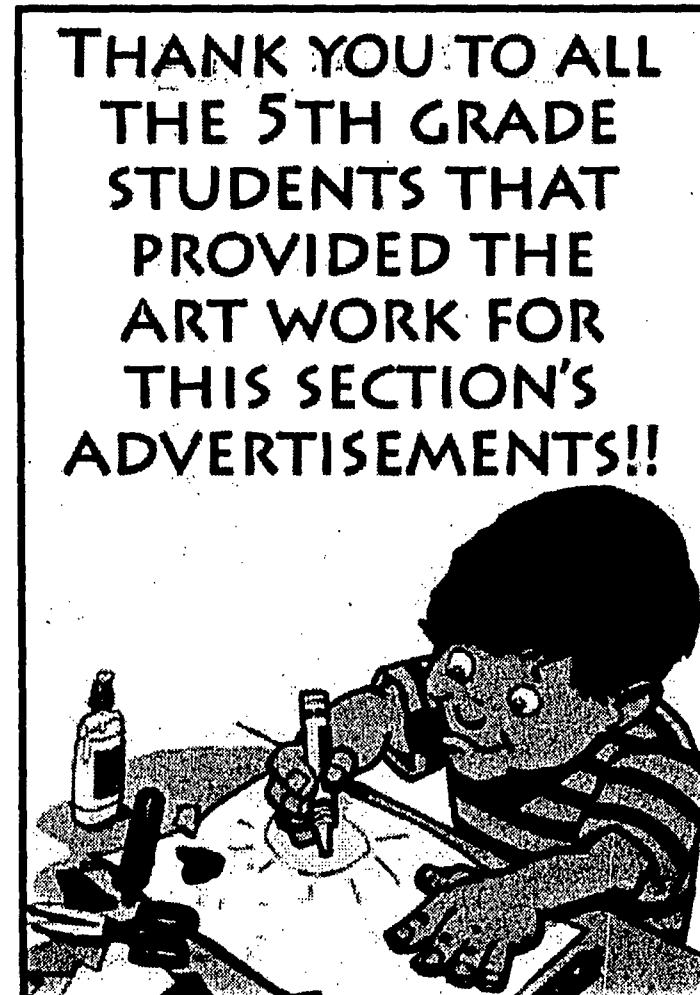
over time, rather than origins.

The same problems arise at the college level. Karen Schaffer, assistant professor in Northwest biology department, said that in the science department they must teach science. With all evidence pointing to natural selection, they are forced to teach the most credible theory.

The humanities and philosophy departments, on the other hand, are able to discuss different theories, such as intelligent design.

Stoecklein said that as far as he knows, parents have never had a problem with what the high school teaches. If any discussion arises, it is usually from the students.

"Students sometimes get a little upset, but then they realize we live a little longer than we did 100 years ago," Stoecklein said. "We're a little bigger, a little taller—maybe these changes have occurred over time, and that is evolution."



## ADVENTURE: Maryville man travels to Antarctica

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The company, under contract by the National Science Foundation and the U.S. Antarctic Program, exists solely to provide support to the scientists conducting research in Antarctica.

Everyone involved, ranging from scientists to Raytheon employees, must abide by the 1961 Antarctic Treaty stating anyone conducting research must preserve and protect the Antarctic by promoting peace, waste-management and protection of wildlife and resources.

Since the treaty, Americans have studied Antarctica in multiple capacities including glaciology, biology, medicine, geology, geophysics, oceanography and climate. Officials at the NSF's Arlington, Va., headquarters grant funds to scientists interested in conducting research in Antarctica.

The U.S. Antarctic Program strives to understand the continent, its associated ecosystems and the region's effects of and responses to processes such as climate.

"The National Science Research Foundation is at the forefront of science," Mel Moore, Rice's supervisor, said. "It will eventually benefit mankind in ways we can never imagine."

Before being hired, Rice passed his drug test and physical, but a dental exam revealed he needed his wisdom teeth out. Because of limited supplies on the base, a dentist removed all four teeth before he could be allowed to depart.

In August, he received his hiring confirmation letter. On Sept. 30—four days after his 20th birthday—Rice received what he considers one of the best presents ever—a chance to travel to mystical Antarctica.

In Christchurch, New Zealand, Rice was equipped with extreme winter gear including thick, rubber boots, four pairs of wool socks, spandex-like underwear, coveralls, a windbreaker and two pairs of gloves. Shortly after,



PHOTO COURTESY OF NATE RICE

**NATE RICE** went to Antarctica to work for Raytheon Polar Services Company in the supply warehouse.

he received a security lecture including reminder to stay hydrated—lack of water could prove fatal.

He was also instructed to wear sunglasses at all times for the UV radiation and 24-hours of sunlight could destroy retinas.

A Boeing C-17 landed Rice and the other employees on 6-feet of ice and sub-zero temperatures at the Antarctic McMurdo Station—the largest U.S. station and site for the most scientific activity on the continent.

"You get yourself ready for cold, but when it hits you it is something else," Rice said.

Within the supply department Rice helped organize and stock the various departments including carpentry, automobile parts and food sections at the base.

He would also help unload pallets and stock scientists with food for extended missions—sometimes totaling several tons of food for multiple-month trips.

Christmas proved to be the hardest part of the trip for Rice. Two days before the holiday, a feeling of loneliness overtook him. He had no family, no close friends. But his parents sent him small things such as movies and comic books that could be easily

brought back so he had something to open.

Voyaging to Antarctica with Raytheon for 16 years, Brooks believes losing contact with everyone back home proves the most challenging.

"Sure, you make friends on the ice," Brooks said. "But over the years you stay caught up with people less and less (from back home)."

### A Bittersweet Return

Stepping off the plane in New Zealand Feb. 20, 2006, opposite sensations greeted him. Heat overcame his body as well as a sense of accomplishment.

"I learned a lot. It was a great experience," Rice said. "I made a lot of friends and grew as a person. I'm more self-controlled, physically mature and self-reliant."

Rice plans to enroll at Northwest for summer classes, majoring in history and helping his mother with the family business, Movie Magic—with thoughts of returning to Antarctica this fall dancing in the back of his mind.

"He might appreciate working for his mother a little better now," Kathy Rice, Nate's mother, said. "...I'm really hoping he'll settle down and go to college, but I will support him in whatever he chooses to do."

## ENGLAND: Hubbard to visit England

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they probably wouldn't have any idea what you were talking about," Klute said. "It would be either fundamentally different from the tuition that our students are familiar with or they wouldn't have any inkling whatsoever of what tuition even is. So with that change they are looking at different ways to meet the needs of their students and their employees."

Philip Sullivan, a professor at De Montfort University in Leicester, England, said when students are employed on campus it is only for small tasks.

"Now that student fees have

increased so much in the (England), the time is right to look at taking some of the responsibility of employing students, as Northwest does," Sullivan said.

Sullivan said getting student employment started in England will be a slow process because of the concern faculty, staff and unions have, but they will be involved in the process from the beginning so their fears will be put to rest and they can see the benefits of employing students.

A study in Northwest employment practices can be started as soon as October if approved by Higher Education Funding Council for England (HEFCE).

## CHILDCARE: Instructor pushes for reform

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ergarten classrooms."

On a national level, Johnson may be one step closer to reaching his goal. On March 30, the U.S. House of Representatives passed the 2006 College Access and Opportunity Act (H.R. 609), an update of the 1965 Higher Education Act. The bill contains an amendment, introduced by Congresswoman Melissa Hart, R-Pa., and funded by the Fund for the Improvement of Post Secondary Education, which encourages institutions of higher education to provide childcare for the estimated 4.5 million student parents across the country.

Johnson said although funding is one obstacle the University faces to expand its childcare program, it shouldn't be a major issue.

"It always boils down to money. But that shouldn't be a surprise," he said. "When my wife and I talk about daycare and making ends meet, it's about money. And I understand that. But if individual families are scraping by on less money than I make can do it, we as a University can."

Other Missouri institutions offer childcare programs similar to Northwest's. The minimum enrollment age for childcare at Missouri Western State University in St. Joseph, Central Mis-

souri State University in Warrensburg and Truman State University in Kirksville is two years. However, programs at the University of Missouri's Columbia and Kansas City campuses accept children at 6 weeks old.

Brookes said institutions like the University of Missouri, whose daycare programs do accept younger children, are limited in other ways.

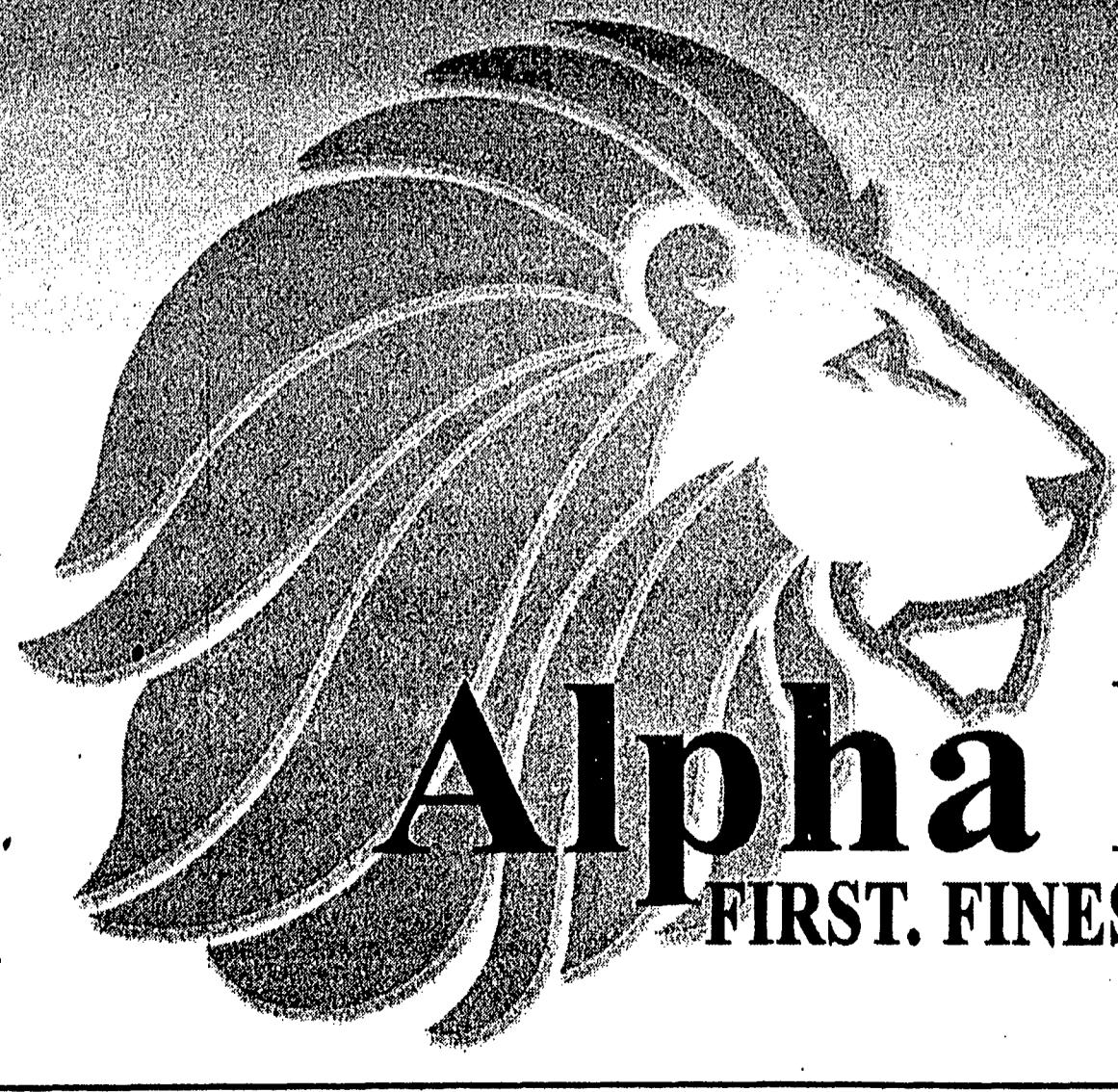
"They're capacity for infants and toddlers from birth until two and a half years old is 15," she said. "That's not serving the needs of the faculty. There are about 600 people on the waiting list for that program. Many people that work for Mizzou will put their child on the waiting list when they become engaged. Not when you become pregnant, not even when you get married."

Johnson said Maryville does not offer many options for daycare-seeking parents. Northwest, he said, should step up to the plate to fix the situation.

"It's not as simple as just showing up at a daycare and saying, 'Here you go,'" Johnson said. "It's not easy finding a daycare. I think that there are some good daycares in Maryville, but I just don't think there are enough of them.

"We are a University. We should be leading, not following. We should be the example of how it's done."

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## THERAIL

## Campus

## ROSEWELL EARNS 700TH

Northwest tennis coach Mark Rosewell grabbed his 700th coaching victory Tuesday afternoon when the women's team defeated visiting Nebraska-Omaha 6-3. The women's team is undefeated at 14-0 on the season.

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## BASEBALL BLOWS LEAD

The Northwest baseball team saw a 6-0 lead crumble away Tuesday night in Topeka, Kan. against Washburn. Washburn won both games of the doubleheader as the 'Cats fell to 12-19 on the season.

see 5B

## RUNNING WILD

The Northwest running backs took over the football scrimmage Sunday at Bearcat Stadium. The scrimmage marked the end of the spring season.

see 2B

## Local

## 'HOUNDS WIN IN EXTRAS

The Maryville High School baseball team won 11-10 Tuesday night in extra innings against Chillicothe. It was the 'Hounds second victory of the season.

see 3B

## SOCCER SNAGS VICTORY

The Maryville High School soccer team held onto an early 3-0 lead Tuesday night to defeat Benton 5-4.

see 3B

## TENNIS FALLS TWICE

The Maryville High School boys tennis team lost twice this week. The Spoofhounds lost 8-1 Tuesday against Shenandoah and 7-2 Monday against conference rival Cameron. They play next at 4:30 p.m. against conference rival Lafayette in St. Joseph, Mo.

## Statewide

## YANKEES SMASH ROYALS

Gary Sheffield homered and drove in four runs, and Shawn Chacon overcame a shaky start to earn his first win of the season in the New York Yankees' 12-5 victory over the Kansas City Royals on Wednesday.

see 5B

## TITLE IX LAWSUIT AT MSU

Four Missouri State women's tennis players are suing the school for cutting their program as part of a reduction in university athletics, alleging the move violates federal Title IX rules that require equal treatment of male and female student athletes.

## National

## DUKE HIRES LAWYER

A small group of boosters and others close to the Duke University lacrosse team has hired President Clinton's former lawyer as part of an aggressive public relations effort to argue that the players did not rape a woman at an off-campus party.

Bob Bennett, a former federal prosecutor and Washington attorney who represented Clinton in the Paula Jones sexual harassment case, is serving as a spokesman for a group calling itself the Committee for Fairness to Duke Families.

## In the shadows



PHOTO BY MIKE DYE / NWMISSOURIAN

**NORTHWEST INFILDER** Katy John slides safely into second base during the first game against Southwest Baptist University Saturday at Bearcat Field. John had one run out of the three at-bats for the day.

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**Tuesday**  
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Truman State  
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By Jerome Boettcher  
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Beyond Bearcat Stadium, they are there.

Hidden by the high rise residence halls, they are there.

While drivers on College Avenue only see the one Bearcat Field, they are there.

On the other side of the island of a freshmen parking lot, off in their own world, they are there.

Maybe it isn't football or baseball, but the Northwest softball team is there.

Quietly, the other Bearcats are making a name for themselves.

"I think we know, with our sport being softball, football's always going to be the top dog on campus," said fourth-year head coach Susan Anderson. "... I'm just glad we're getting the national ranking and stuff, we're starting to get recognized for how well are players our performing."

The softball team averages 166 fans per game this season while more than a couple hundred fans made it to just the one spring football scrimmage Sunday. However, at the same time the women of the Northwest softball team were continuing their great run.

The 'Cats won their 21st game in their last 22 Sunday, and their 11th straight. The streak, however, ended Tuesday night when No. 11 Nebraska-Omaha won the first game of the doubleheader. The 'Cats then bounced back and got the last laugh as they trounced the Mavericks 12-3 in the second game.

Northwest, now 28-8, has won 22 out of their last 24 games.



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**NORTHWEST PITCHER** Cola Krueger, left, slaps hands with infielder Ashley Pride during Saturday's game against Southwest Baptist University. The Northwest Bearcats beat the SBU Bearcats 3-0 in the first game of the doubleheader.

"We are doing really, really well this season," Anderson said.

Lost amidst the chaos of the other spring sports, and some spring practices, the 2006 softball team is writing themselves into the record books.

And has anyone taken notice?

"I think some people are realizing that we're good," pitcher Talina Canon said.

Maybe the best-kept secret on campus, the No. 18 Bearcats have rolled into the national rankings for the first time since 2003 and are streaking, figuratively of course.

Just don't try to talk to them about the streak.

"We don't want to talk about it," Stephenson said. "... I personally don't want to know (the reason), I just come out and play."

"It's in the back of our minds, we want to keep it going," Canon said.

How has this happened?

Well, it should be no surprise really.

see SECRET on 2B

Streak  
snapped  
by Mavs

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The No. 18 Northwest softball team (28-8, 6-4 MIAA) had their 11-game winning streak snapped Tuesday afternoon at No. 11 Nebraska-Omaha.

"Of course everybody always wants to keep the winning streak alive, but I think we were just getting to that point that we didn't like talking about the streak," Northwest coach Susan Anderson said. "It's kind of like talking about a no-hitter. As soon as you make the comment 'Oh she's throwing a no-hitter', then that hit comes."

The offense struggled falling 3-0. Mavericks starter Cheris Kuster blistered the offense allowing one hit, while striking out 14 'Cats.

Freshman starter Cola Krueger took the loss allowing three runs on 10 hits for her first loss of the season.

In the second game, the 'Cats responded with a 12-3 victory.

After getting one hit in the first game, the 'Cats responded with 13 hits with five different players each with two RBI's.

Lauren Lakebrink came out on top allowing one run on 7 hits while striking out five, for her sixth win of the season.

"Anytime you can come away with a split or a sweep up in Omaha, it's always a good thing," Anderson said. "Especially after we dropped the first game, coming away with a split is very very huge."

Anderson said she was impressed by her team's offensive production despite not hitting a single homerun.

"Another great thing...is that we scored 12 runs without hitting a single homerun," Anderson said. "We put a lot of singles and doubles together...so that's really good to see that we did that without hitting the long ball."

However, Northwest was able to gain ground in the MIAA race with a sweep of Southwest Baptist and Central Missouri State this past weekend.

In the first of two against Southwest Baptist, the 'Cats came out on top with a 3-0 victory.

In the bottom of the first, the 'Cats struck first when sophomore Janelle Krohn hit an RBI single for a 1-0 lead.

The offense struggled from that point on not scoring the last two until the bottom of the sixth.

see 'CATS on 5B

## Whitt enjoys splitting time

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Only a select few athletes are capable of playing multi-sports at the collegiate level.

Graduate student Pat Whitt is one of those few that has excelled at playing two sports here at Northwest.

Whitt, from Springfield, Mo., has been a key asset on the football field as a defensive back and a middle infielder on the baseball diamond.

"It's always something I wanted to do, (play two sports) and it was my deciding factor why I came here," Whitt said. "I got the chance to play both and it's kind of a dream come true for me."

Out of Kickapoo High School, Whitt was offered scholarships

by both the football and baseball teams. Whitt had to decide whether playing at a Division II school was worth playing two sports, as he was offered scholarships to play one sport by prominent Division I schools.

"I talked to Arkansas to play baseball there," Whitt said. "Football, I talked to K-State a little bit—KU, KU, the big D-I schools."

Whitt understood from the start that he would have to make some compromises if he wanted to play both sports. The football and baseball coaching staffs were very supportive of his decision.

Football coach Mel Tjeerdsma wanted Whitt to play here and said

Pat Whitt  
Multi-Sport Athlete

both parties came to an understanding.

"We made an agreement, and we don't do that very often, that he's (playing) football in the fall and baseball in the spring and there was no give or take there," Tjeerdsma said.

Successes didn't come easy for Whitt during his career.

He battled injuries suffered in football his sophomore and senior season that hurt his approach to the spring baseball seasons. He also was unable to participate in offseason workouts and would have to work that much harder to regain his positions for the upcoming season.

Baseball coach Darin Loe said some seasons they didn't really know what kind of shape Whitt would be in come time for the baseball season.

"A lot of times he'd come in and be a backup as he was this year," Loe said. "And within about a week he won that job and has never let it go."

Whitt had the same thoughts on being behind most of his teammates. Spring football practice is in viewing distance from the diamond that Whitt plays on during the spring.

"That was a tough spot for me, coming into each season I was a step behind everyone else. That was something I knew was going to happen and kind of made me

see TWO-SPORT on 5B

Incident at  
Outback  
isn't closed

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Maryville Public Safety Director Keith Wood said Wednesday that no new developments have come about involving an assault on April 2 at The World Famous Outback on 400 N. Buchanan.

On April 2 an assault took place at the Outback. There were two victims and three possible suspects, according to Wood. Wood said the suspects were from out of town and the two victims were Northwest football players.

Since it is an ongoing investigation, Wood said it wasn't unusual for incidents like these to take this long. He said it usually takes awhile to get everyone involved with the incident together.

Wood said the victims appear like they will not press charges. Wood, who said originally that Public Safety would press charges even if the victims didn't, now says they will re-evaluate the situation.

Pat  
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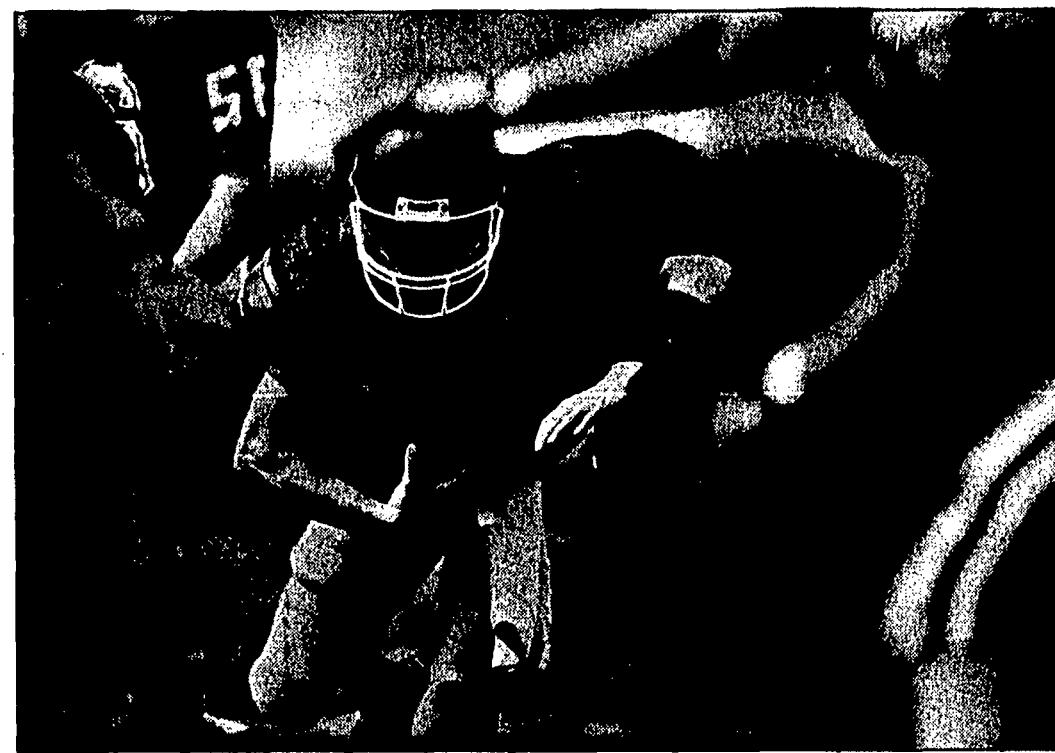
Whitt's football  
and baseball  
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Games he played  
this baseball  
season

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Games played  
this past football  
season



QUARTERBACK NATHANIEL EBEL rushes for a gain during Sunday's spring scrimmage. Ebel is listed as the fourth-string quarterback for the Bearcats.

## Running backs take over

### Ground game feature attraction at final scrimmage

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Northwest quarterback Josh Mathews might have won the start, but freshmen running backs LaRon Council and Daven Turner stole the show.

Though most of the attention during the spring football season has gone to who will win the starting quarterback position—Mathews or Joel Osborn—the ground game was the feature attraction Sunday.

During the spring scrimmage Sunday at Bearcat Stadium, which marks the end of the spring practices, Council and Turner both received the ball numerous times and both showed tons of potential.

"Both of those guys ran pretty well," said Northwest football coach Mel Tjeerdsma. "See that's what's so great about spring, this spring especially, because they've gotten a lot more reps and that's really helped them."

Council and Turner have all stepped up because

returner Xavier Omon is recovering from toe surgery.

During the scrimmage all four quarterbacks were used—Mathews, Osborn, and redshirt freshmen Dray Johnson and Nathaniel Ebel. Mathews and Osborn both looked sharp at times according to Tjeerdsma but he won't make a decision yet.

"I think when we step on the field against UNO (Nebraska Omaha in the home opener) there will be a starting quarterback," Tjeerdsma said. "It's not going to be a quarterback by committee, at least I don't see that at this point."

The roster was pretty thin as only one projected senior, Zach Sherman, was on the offense. The wide receiving corps also missed a few key members. E.J. Falkner and Raphael Robinson both sat out because of injury, something that concerns Mathews.

"Personnel wise, particularly at the wideout spot, we are extremely thin and young," Mathews said. "We are having trouble, no one but people that know the offense would know that there is mental busting on the play and things like that."

Returning tight end Mike

Peterson also sat out. Peterson has only one year of eligibility left but he plans to extend it for two years, so he will sit out during the two spring seasons.

Some of the other players sitting out on defense because of injuries included linebacker Ben Harness, defensive linemen Dallas Flynn and Ryan Waters and cornerbacks Brandon Clayton, Darcell Clark and Diezeas Calbert.

For transfer linebacker Thomas Smith, though, the scrimmage was a milestone. Last season in the fall, Smith, while at Northern Colorado injured his left knee. He then sat out for the season and transferred to Northwest. So, Smith nervously anticipated Sunday's scrimmage.

"Since Friday after practice I was just nervous, I prayed a lot this morning and I got through it," Smith said. "I'm just ecstatic that I'm healthy and I got through a live scrimmage. I think this is a big milestone for me today, I'm confident."

Overall Tjeerdsma was pleased with how the spring football season finished.

"I feel good, I haven't watched the tape, I might not feel as good after I watch tape, but otherwise I feel good about what we've done," Tjeerdsma said.

## Opening day about more than baseball

The opinion among some Americans is that our national pastime is in trouble. Most people have heard about Barry Bonds and all the steroid controversy surrounding him and baseball recently.

Just when I was about to agree with everyone else and say that baseball is on a downhill slide and may never recover I found myself sitting in the parking lot of Kauffman Stadium, grilling lunch two hours before the start of the Royals season opener.

I expected that all the talk in the parking lot would be about the 106 losses the Royals suffered through last season or how the game wasn't as pure as it once was thanks to illegal performance enhancing drugs. Instead I heard the complete opposite.

There was a group of people talking about how much better the Royals are going to be this season and how much they have missed baseball. Then I heard a father and son talking about a home run Mike Sweeney hit last season. The little boy seemed so certain that Sweeney was without a doubt the greatest ball player in the game and that the Royals would win the World Series this year.

It was in that moment that I realized what it is about opening day that is so amazing. Opening day is about so much more than a game. Opening day restores hope and faith that the past season may have erased. It presents fans and players with a chance to start over with a clean slate and for a moment we truly believe that things may really change.

### SECRET: Northwest softball team quietly making a name for themselves

#### Off the Hook



Brendon Kelley  
Assistant Sports Editor

Opening day restores an innocence and belief that we once carried as children and reminds us that there is always a chance something amazing could happen. For me I am hard pressed to find better memories than summer nights spent at Kauffman Stadium and as I walked through the gates on opening day it all came flooding back to me.

As I handed my ticket to the man at the front gate I remembered walking through those very same gates as a little boy and turning to my parents in disbelief when I saw my childhood heroes George Brett and Mark Gubicza.

Looking back over the years there are so many moments and memories that I will never forget. Whether it's staring up at the Friday night sky watching fireworks explode just over the top of the scoreboard. Sunday afternoons spent soaking up the sun or trying to build up the courage to hold the hand of the girl sitting next to me, all these memories have found a place in my heart. They stay filed away in the back of my mind waiting to flash before my eyes as I pass Kauffman Stadium on I-70 or turn to see someone wearing a Royals hat.

There's something about the game of baseball and the feeling that comes from watching your hometown team play America's game that has attached itself to me.

The game may not be as pure as it once was. Players are overpaid, owners move players and teams around like it's a game of musical chairs and fans can become

critical and negative.

But, in the middle of all of this craziness and everything that is wrong with the game there is a reason for hope.

Listening to that little boy talk about Sweeney and how the Royals are going to win the World Series one can't help, but smile.

Sweeney is not the best player in baseball and the Royals probably are not going to win the World Series this season, but who's going to tell that to a little 6-year-old boy?

I once had dreams just like him and while the Royals never won a World Series when I was growing up they provided me with a lifetime of memories. I guess if I am honest with myself I know that I never stopped believing.

So, on April 3, I found myself sitting in a parking lot truly believing that this might just be the year the Royals surprise everyone and win it all. If for some reason they don't finish the season as world champions though, I hope that little boy doesn't give up.

I hope he continues to carry those dreams for the rest of his life. I hope he gets the same opportunities to make memories the way I did and that one day when he's 20-years-old and cruises by Kauffman Stadium a smile crosses his face as he recalls a certain moment in time he spent inside that old stadium.

After all that's what baseball is all about. That's what life is all about. The game is not perfect, then again nothing ever is. But, just for a minute on a Monday afternoon I truly believed that it all could be and maybe just for an instant it was.

After all, that's what opening day is really all about.

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Last year the 'Cats tied a school record with 34 wins. Anderson lost only a couple players and the bats and pitching remained constant.

"I think we're finally using what we have," senior Ashley Pride said.

With 48 home runs on the season in just 34 games, they've smashed the previous single season record of 29 home runs set in 2002.

Pride and Lindsay Stephenson are becoming a Mark McGwire and Jose Canseco combination (without the steroids of course).

The two 'Cats have combined for 21 homers this season, with Pride leading the team with 11 homers.

Though the players credit the fact they are seeing the ball better and choosing the correct pitches to pounce on, there's a more logical reason for all this.

"It helps that it's really

windy in Maryville," Pride said.

Then there's the pitching, something that is taken a back seat to the hitting, but has also had a breakout season.

Cola Krueger leads the staff with a 9-1 record, while transfer Kelly Morris has the staff-best 1.61 ERA and a 8-4 record. Canon follows closely behind with a 5-1 record and Lauren Lakebrink rounds out the rotation with a 6-2 record.

Canon said she thought they were pitching better, but most of the success can be credited to their approach.

"We decided that we were going to have this badass mentality and I think it's more our mentality than anything—we're more confident," Canon said.

Though the team is well on its way to breaking the school record, the team believes they can still improve. Pride, a senior, has been in this situation before

and doesn't want another letdown.

"It's like we've always lived up to choking, every year," Pride said. "We decided that this wasn't going to be that year, so we're going for it."

As for their opponents, the 'Cats aren't concerned. The players don't believe a team in the conference can shut them down and don't see No. 3 Emporia State, who will be in Maryville this weekend for the Northwest Classic, as a threat.

"We'll play our game, we're going to come out there and we're going to play as hard as we can," Stephenson said. "And if they do make a mistake one time, we're going to be there to attack on it."

The 'Cats on the northwest side of campus, just have one request.

"Just don't jinx us," Anderson said.

Sorry, coach, the secret's out.

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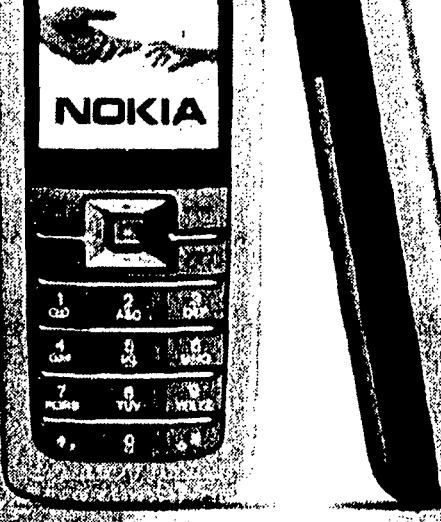
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# Tennis' week full of achievement

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Zach Keith  
MIAA Tennis Player of the Week

The honors just kept coming for the Northwest tennis team this week.

On Tuesday, Zach Keith and Gena Lindsay swept the MIAA Tennis Players of the Week honors.

Later in that day, the womens' team (14-0) stayed undefeated with a 6-3 victory over visiting Nebraska-Omaha.

The victory also had another significance. By winning the match tennis coach Mark Rosewell gathered his 700th coaching victory.

The women were ranked first in the North Central region, while Nebraska-Omaha was ranked second.

Lindsay, who won her third MIAA honor, won No. 1 singles over Katie Schmidt in three sets. Lindsay currently has a 26-game No. 1

singles winning streak. She is currently No. 1 in the region and 31st in the nation.

Lindsay also won doubles with teammate Erica Ramirez later in the night.

On the mens's side, before Wednesday's match, the Bearcats dropped last 5-4 to St. Cloud State Friday, but picked up a 9-0 victory Saturday over Minnesota State-Mankato.

It was the first honor for Keith, who is 8-0 in singles play and 10-4 at No. 3 doubles.

"I didn't know they actually gave it (the award) to guys who weren't decent," Keith joked about himself.

Both teams will participate in the Central Oklahoma Tournament on Friday and Saturday.

## Injuries nip 'Cats

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Injuries are a part of sports. It doesn't matter what sport it is or how experienced the participants are, injuries are going to take place.

Right now the Northwest track and field teams are struggling with the injury bug as both the mens' and womens' teams have seen some of their top competitors go down throughout the season.

"It's no different than in basketball or football. If you have someone who is a really good athlete and your depending on them and they get hurt it's going to impact the team," mens' coach Richard Alsup said. "I'm not unhappy with where we're at. I'm a little frustrated with injuries, but when kids work hard sometimes that happens."

Despite injuries the 'Cats found success when they took part in the Concordia University Invitational in Seward, Neb. last Saturday.

Northwest had eight individuals in the top three of their respective events and won two events.

Dia McKee broke the school record in the steeple-chase for the second time this season, by turning in a time of 11:55.09. She was one of four Northwest women to place in the top three.

Sheldon Cook won the 100-meter dash; turning in the fastest time by a Northwest runner this season at 10.99 and freshman Daniel Urum-Ike won the triple

jump with a 47'10 1/4" jump.

"We had a freshman win the 100-meter dash, but had we been healthy he probably would have been third because two of our other guys would have beaten him," Alsup said. "We would have challenged in the 4x100 relay, but we didn't run one. We may have won the 4x400 relay, but we didn't do it."

With all the injuries taking place and a relative young squad this year the coaches have been turning to the upper classmen that are on the team to lead the way.

"A lot of it has fallen on the shoulders of the returning people that we do have," womens' coach Scott Lorek said. "I talked to all of them before the year even started and told them that I was really going to need them to play an active role in working with people, encouraging them and really being leaders. That's something that has been really well."

Next on the plate for the 'Cats is a two day multi-event meet Thursday and Friday at Emporia State and a mens' and womens' meet at the University of Nebraska on Saturday.

"The intensity has to be high every time out," Lorek said. "We're at a real critical time as far as staying healthy. It's been kind of tough for us this year, but overall I'd say they're doing really well. We've got a lot of people who are not competing like freshmen and that's really good."

# Jumping to new heights

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Most parents want their child to grow up as culturally sensitive and knowledgeable as possible, whether it is by books, discussion or classes.

Bayo Adio's parents went a step farther sending him to live with family on the other side of the world.

Adio, a Northwest high jumper, spent 10 years of his childhood living in Lagos, Nigeria, with his grandmother and uncle. Lagos, a city of nearly 15 million, people and the second largest in Africa, Adio experienced life in the African country firsthand.

Adio's parents, both Nigerian, wanted their child to be as culturally aware as possible and to meet the rest of his family.

"The level of poverty there is incredibly high," he said. "Most people don't have enough money to get water to their house or to get a car."

Take one look at the lanky Adio and it is impossible to wonder who someone with his physique wasn't tabbed a high jumper in elementary school, but instead, he spent much of his time in elementary and high school playing in recreational basketball leagues.

"He is just a very enthusiastic guy," teammate Eric Isley said. "He is always out there working ridiculously hard at practice."

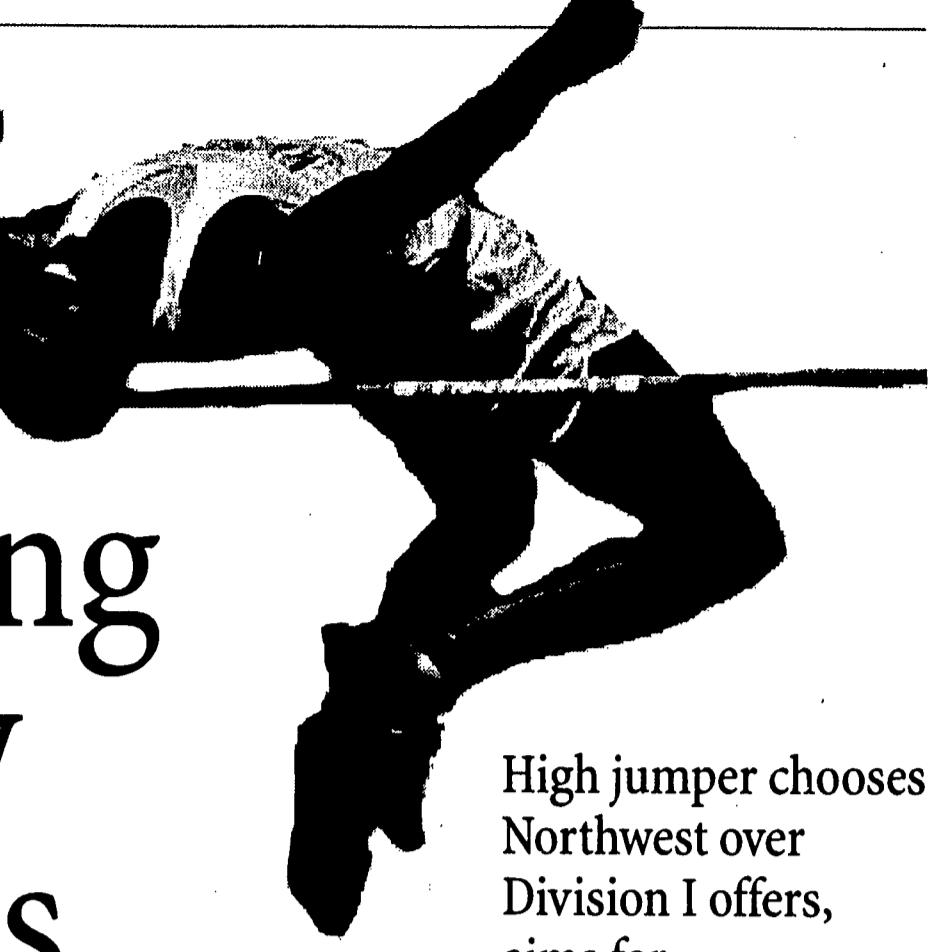
After graduating high school in Oakland, Calif., he decided to walk on at nearby Merritt Community College as a basketball player and made the squad.

Once the season wrapped up, the group looked into finding some type of activity to condition with in the offseason. That is when a teammate suggested they compete on the track team.

"I went out there and jumped around 6'2" or 6'4" my first day," Adio laughed. "I had no coach really, just a couple people who had some type of idea what the event was supposed to look like."

He went on to place in the top three in several track meets early on.

By the end of the first season, he had improved his height to 6'7", which



High jumper chooses Northwest over Division I offers, aims for seven-foot mark



PHOTO COURTESY OF BAYO ADIO

**A YOUNG** Bayo Adio spent his childhood in Nigeria, where the majority of his time was spent competing in soccer. Adio is now aiming for a trip to the NCAA Division II Track and Field Championships this spring.

dropping everything to go chase the record.

Instead, he plans on going back into his publicity business he had started in Oakland before he left for college.

"I would make flyers and Web sites for people, do videography, a lot of different things," he said.

His desire to go back into business and the skills he thought he could gain with a major in Interactive Digital Media was one of the reasons he chose Northwest.

"That was just something that I saw and knew was exactly for me," Adio said.

After setting his personal record for height at the Northwest Invitational, Adio has now set his sights towards the 7-foot mark.

That plateau is one only three or four jumpers reach each season in Division II.

"I didn't make all-American in the indoor season," he said. "I've qualified provisionally for nationals for outdoor, and hopefully I will be able to do it there."

Last season, only three jumpers made it past 7-feet in the national championships, a mark Alsup is certain he will reach.

"I have full confidence that he will get to seven (feet) this season," Alsup said. "And if he doesn't, it won't be from a lack of effort."



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## Business Slow?

# 'Cats lose early lead

By Andrew Glover  
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The Northwest baseball team traveled to Topeka, Kan., Tuesday for a double-header with Washburn University, hoping to build upon their current three-game win streak.

The Bearcats took three of four last weekend against Missouri Southern University.

Their luck would run out dropping both games, 9-8 and 8-7 Tuesday to the Ichabods.

Mark Lewis took the mound for the 'Cats in the first game, throwing deep into the game, only to give up a three-run home run in the fifth inning that cut the 'Cat's six-run lead in half.

Coach Darin Loe said his bullpen struggled after taking Lewis out, as Washburn was able to scratch across three more, sending the game into extra innings.

The game was decided in the ninth frame when Washburn used their home-field advantage to end the game in the bottom of the ninth on a single to the right-field-gap.

Loe felt that his team battled and there were good things that came out of the game.

"We swung the bats real well both games, we just came up a little short," Loe said.

The weather provided an advantage to Lewis, allowing him to get batters out that

normally wouldn't work on a perfect day.

"The wind was blowing in from right field, our game plan was to work the outside corner and see if we could get that," Lewis said.

Justin Hildebrand got the ball for the second game, and like Lewis pitched a solid game, Loe said.

Washburn sent their top hurler to the mound for the second game, but Northwest was not intimidated.

The game was tied through the fifth inning until Hildebrand walked the leadoff batter. Loe said that's something that can't happen.

The Ichabods managed to score six runs in the inning; the 'Cats countered with four of their own in the sixth, but couldn't manage anymore.

Northwest shortstop John White said the games went down to who wanted it more.

White attributed the second game's struggles to poor fielding and doing things to hurt themselves.

Loe said once again, his team hit the ball really well, Washburn just seemed to match every hit.

Northwest will look to this weekend as the Pittsburg State Gorillas come to Maryville for a four game series. First game is at 1 p.m. on Friday, followed by a noon start on Saturday.

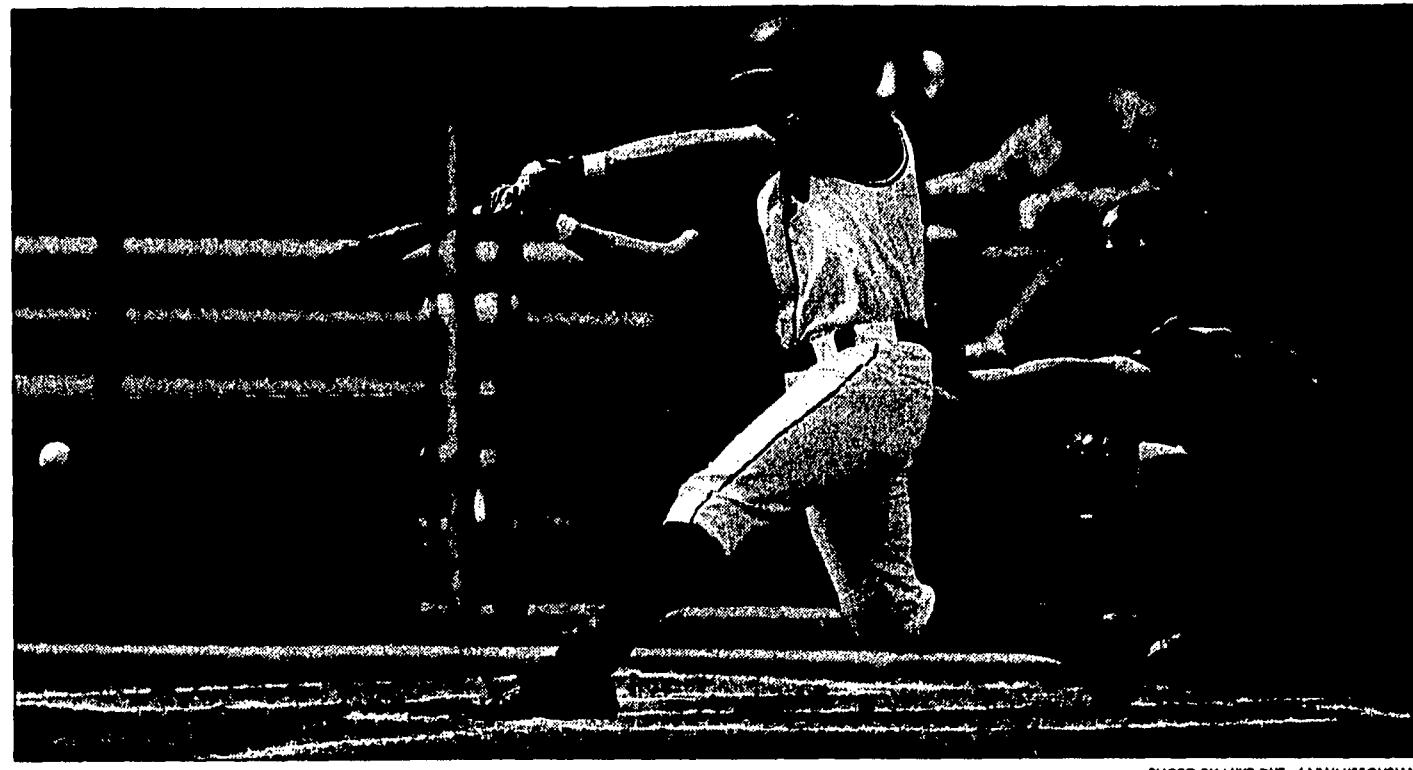


PHOTO BY MIKE DYE / NWMISSOURIAN

PAT WHITT swings for the fences during a recent home game at Bearcat Field. Whitt is a two-sport athlete at Northwest.

## TWO-SPORT: Whitt battles with splitting time for sports

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work harder to gain a spot," Whitt said.

No matter how high the stakes were entering the season, Whitt never let that hinder his ability to contribute to the team.

Brandon Pratt, Whitt's teammate in football as well as one of his roommates, said he's a guy who's totally committed to his team.

"He's a team guy, he puts the team first, whatever the coaches ask him to do he does it and he's been that way ever since I've known him," Pratt said.

"When I came in he was the one that helped me out, he kind of took me under his wing; he's a team-first kind of guy."

Another roommate and teammate on the baseball team, John White describes Whitt as a guy who is able to

play two sports based on his athleticism.

"He's got strength, speed, he's quick, pretty much everything you need and that's pretty much the only way you can do it if you've got all that stuff," White said.

Both White and Pratt have tried but have come out unsuccessfully to get Whitt to say which sport he likes better.

As for the support Whitt gets from his coaches in both sports, he said they really do support him in what he does.

Loe can even relate first hand to what Whitt has done, as he too was a dual-sport athlete in college.

Not only has Whitt been able to balance two sports, but he has also made time for a social life as well as his academics. Whitt graduated in December with a degree in

marketing and is in the process of gaining his Master of Business Administration.

Now that Whitt is scheduled to be at Northwest for a couple more years, there was a chance that he could extend his career in one or both sports.

"I only got to play three years of baseball and they denied my redshirt," Whitt said. "It was kind of a wild thing and we appealed the red shirt and they denied my fourth season of eligibility so I only got three out of baseball and four out of football."

After this season is complete, Whitt will just be a student, but sports will always be apart of his life. Whitt joked saying he would like to someday own a ballpark.

Coaching is also a possibility as well as playing in summer leagues for baseball.

"I think Pat will be suc-

cessful in anything he does because of his competitive nature and his work ethic," Loe said. "Certainly we wish we had him here for five more years, he's been a huge asset for us. He's going to be very successful in anything he does."

Whitt is the same as most athletes, he said he can't remember when he picked up a bat and a ball.

The only difference with Whitt is he was able to continue playing two sports in college while many athletes could only do one.

The memories Whitt has from his career here will stay with him forever, but it is the lesser things that he will remember the most.

"Just playing every day, getting a chance to play two sports everyday is a highlight to tell you the truth," Whitt said.

## Sheffield pounds Royals' pitching

By Mike Fitzpatrick  
Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) - Gary Sheffield homered and drove in four runs, and Shawn Chacon overcame a shaky start to earn his first win of the season in the New York Yankees' 12-5 victory over the Kansas City Royals on Wednesday.

Jason Giambi had a pair of RBI doubles, Derek Jeter scored three times and Sheffield finished with three hits as New York tagged Royals starter Jeremy Affeldt (0-1).

The Yankees have scored in double digits three times in eight games this year, plus a 9-7 win over Kansas City in their home opener Tuesday.

Reggie Sanders homered for the second consecutive day for the Royals, who dropped their 13th straight game at Yankee Stadium — a skid that dates to August 2002.

It is New York's longest home winning streak against any opponent since the Yankees won 19 in a row in the Bronx against the Cleveland Indians from 1960-62.

Chacon (1-1) allowed three runs in the first inning, then settled down. He gave up five runs and seven hits in six-plus innings, striking out five.

Sanders hit a two-run shot in the first, the first time the Royals scored first in seven games this season. Emil Brown added a two-out RBI double, twisting Johnny Damon around in deep center.

Chacon regrouped after that, retiring 11 of his next 12 hitters.

Handed a 3-0 lead, Affeldt walked his first two batters, a cardinal sin that must have left

Royals manager Buddy Bell and maybe even his own fielders stewing.

Sheffield smashed a vicious line drive that nearly nailed 60-year-old third base coach Larry Bowa, who quickly dove to the ground in foul territory just in time. Bowa turned to the crowd and shrugged his shoulders as Sheffield smiled from the edge of the batters' box.

He drove the next pitch over the left-field fence for a three-run homer that tied the score. It was Sheffield's 451st career homer.

In Affeldt's previous start against the White Sox, the first five Chicago batters scored.

Alex Rodriguez singled, stole second and scored on Jorge Posada's two-out single in the third. Sheffield added an RBI single in the fourth, and another run scored on Jimmy Gobble's wild pitch.

Kansas City cut it to 6-5 in the fifth on consecutive RBI doubles by Mark Grudzielanek and Doug Mientkiewicz, but New York got run-scoring singles in the bottom half from Miguel Cairo and Damon.

Giambi's run-scoring double in the sixth made it 9-5. Jeter had a two-out RBI single in the seventh, a run scored on an error by shortstop Angel Berroa and Giambi delivered another RBI double.

So far, Kansas City's plan to make Affeldt a starter again isn't working. The left-hander gave up six runs, seven hits and four walks in 3 1-3 innings, leaving him with a 14.73 ERA after two outings.

New York's Bernie Williams made his first start in right field since Aug. 6, 1992, according to the Elias Sports Bureau.

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Krueger kept the ping off the aluminum bats of Southwest Baptist, pitching a complete game, five hit shutout, striking out six en route to her eighth victory of the season.

In the finale against the purple Bearcats, the Northwest offense struck early and often on the way to a 5-1 victory.

Once again pitching led the way with sophomore Lauren Lakebrink going the distance, allowing one run on one hit for her fifth victory of the season. She carried a no-hitter into the seventh until Southwest's Tara Phillips knocked in a double with two outs.

Senior Ashley Pride went 0-for-4 in the two-game set, but brought in two runs in the second game to pace the offense.

After sending Southwest Baptist back to Bolivar with

two losses, it was time for the 'Cats to face the Jennies of Central Missouri State, who were ranked third in the MIAA.

The 'Cats shook out all of the offensive bugs scoring 22 runs in two games to overtake third place in the conference.

In the first game, the 'Cats scored in every inning except the fifth on the way to an 11-6 victory.

Going into the game, Crohn was swinging a hot bat, going 4-for-6 with a homerun and three RBI's in the SBU twin bill.

She would make them pay on a first pitch shot to right center for a grand slam.

Crohn finished the game 2-for-4 with two homeruns and six RBI's.

"I didn't wake up thinking I was going to hit two home runs," she said. "I've been on a good hitting streak and have been seeing the ball well."

Krueger started the game going four and two thirds innings striking out five, allowing three runs on seven hits, improving to 9-0.

"I try not to really think about it too much because I'm superstitious," Krueger said. "I try not to think about it and just go out there every game trying to get the outs and everything like that."

In game two, the offense did not waver pounding the Jennies 11-3.

Kelly Morris coming off a 12-strikeout performance against Lincoln (Mo.) continued her success, holding the Jennies to two runs on six hits, while striking out seven for her eighth victory of the season.

Juniors Lindsay Stephen and Sarah Johnson combined for eight RBI's in the victory.

Junior Linellis Santiago-Bernier snapped a 0-for-27 slump going 3-for-3 with a

run scored.

The 'Cats will compete in

the Northwest Classic April

14 to 15 at Bearcat Field.

They will open the classic with

a game against Minnesota

State-Mankato 2:30 Friday,

followed by a game against

Washburn at 4:30.

On Saturday, the 'Cats will face off at 11:30 a.m.

against Upper Iowa, with a

1:30 p.m. game against No.

3 Emporia State, who is atop

the MIAA with a 10-0 mark.

It will be the last home game of

the season for the squad.

"Right now our team is really just looking at one game at a time and I think we need to keep that same mentality that every game counts," she said.

"I know I've been asked the question 'Do we look at conference games different than any other ones?'" We talked at the beginning of the season that for regional rankings and everything else that every game matters."

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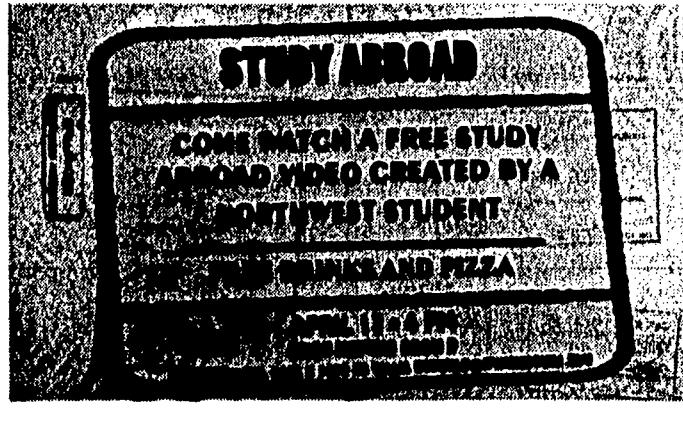
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**Friday**  
Wear sunscreen



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Play in the rain



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**Sunday**  
Hunt for eggs



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**Monday**  
One week of class left



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**Tuesday**  
Go spring shopping

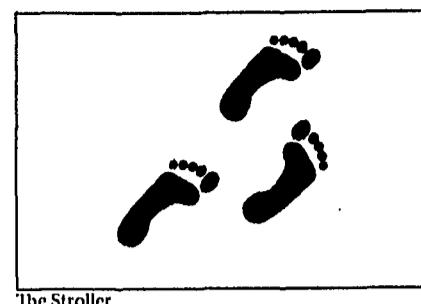


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Hump day



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The Stroller

completely different from the rest of the year.

Your Man almost prefers this. Wally World hates it. Now don't get him wrong. Your Man loves all the drunks that roam campus under the farce that they're "getting an education," but it's hard to learn with a BAC that's higher than your GPA.

For the most part, Your Man believes that students who take summer classes have a stronger desire to actually be in class. Maybe it's because of the fact that they're stuck in a classroom for two and a half hours every day (if not more), but Your Man really admires students who tough it out and go to school year-round.

Despite all of his admiration, Your Man will not be joining those students in class this summer. Yes, your Stroller is graduating, moving on, climbing every mountain, mounting every obstacle, praying he'll get a job.

Your Man is joining the other Northwest grads desperately searching for a post-college job that doesn't involve a deep fryer. He'll leave the fast food prep to the international business majors.

Your Man only included that bit about the international business majors because he figured they wouldn't really care. After all, it's not like they read much, otherwise they'd have realized that Maryville, Mo., is not a booming metropolis where one can earn the vital experience of international exchanges. They're from the same cloth as those marine biology majors (where's the ocean folks?).

No, he's headed to a much brighter future—low pay, high stress and excessive debt. Maybe he'll wind up on the fast track to fame and fortune, but Your Man predicts he too will end up riding the Big Wheel up the mountain—a lot of work, very little to show for it.

Perhaps he's just been demoralized by all of the inane requirements for his senior seminar course or perhaps he's heard one too many news stories about the rising cost of, well, everything. Despite these costs, employers seem to be offering salaries reminiscent of 1980.

Your Man's not looking for a posh lifestyle, just the normal drinking champagne and donating thousands

of dollars to put statues in front of the Union. He's even willing to compromise on the statue—he'd just like it better if there could be another one.

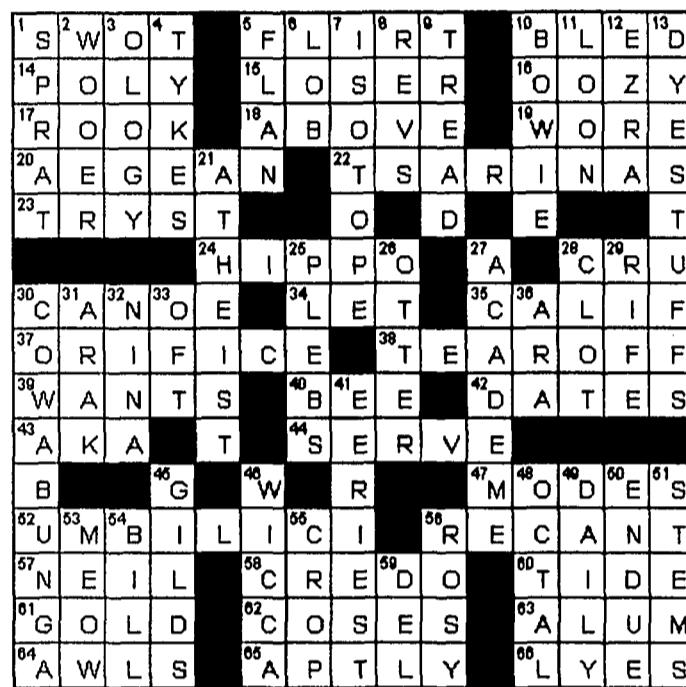
Mayhaps Your Man has been watching too much reality TV, but he thinks he's entitled to spending ridiculous amounts of money and making an ass of himself for the general public's entertainment.

Instead he's going to be pumping \$3+ gasoline into his quickly aging car and contemplating taking on two jobs in order to afford transportation. Yes, it's a bright, bright future the generation before has left us. Pollution, war, depletion of natural resources. It just makes Your Man warm and fuzzy inside.

Or maybe that's cancer from drinking Maryville "water." Nevertheless, he's looking forward to screwing up the future even more for the next generation—what do you say about oil-filled balloon fights on the beach? Sounds great.

The Stroller has been a tradition since 1918 and does not reflect the views of The Northwest Missourian.

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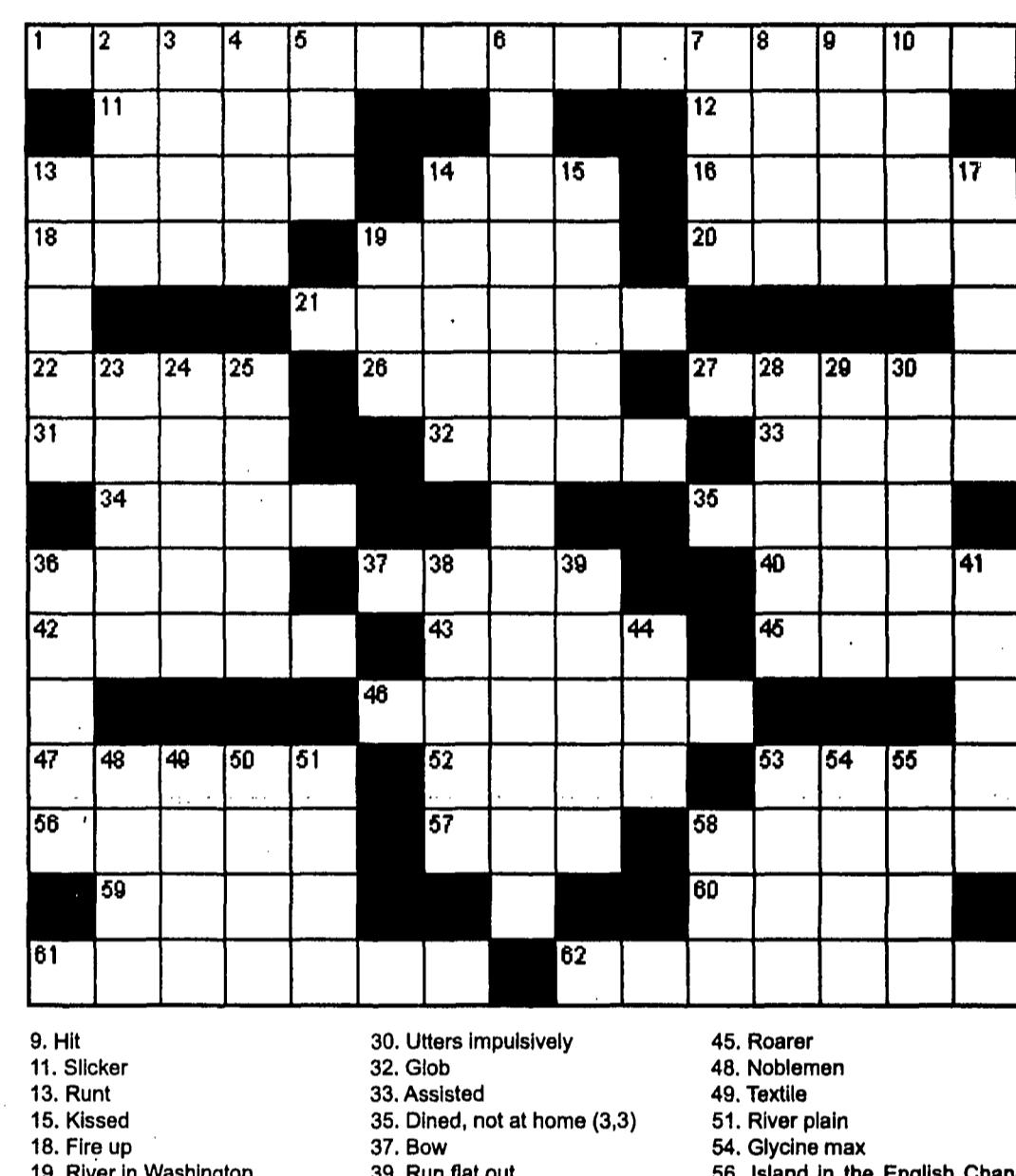
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6. Skulks
10. Town in Maine
12. Pot
14. Get
16. Former Rumanian queen
17. How come?
20. Puled
22. Chip
23. Oily wood
25. Unfreezes
27. Fine-grained wood
28. Food fish
29. City in Illinois
31. Sew together
34. Make wider again
36. Earth-boring machines
38. Eviscerate
39. Gritty
41. Female name
44. Engage

46. Long journey

47. Male name
50. Rang
52. Calculations
53. Deposits
55. River rapids
57. To be announced
58. Acrylic
59. Turkish judge
61. Gambit
62. ---- dish, for cultures
63. Kidnap
64. Discover (4,2)

Down

1. Maturations
2. Court
3. Medium range missile
4. Famous
5. Chewed
7. Wallop
8. Male name



9. Hit

11. Slicker
13. Runt
15. Kissed
18. Fire up
19. River in Washington
21. Dampen
24. Carbonyl compound
26. Irish county and seaport

30. Utters impulsively

32. Glob
33. Assisted
35. Dined, not at home (3,3)
37. Bow
39. Run flat out
40. Furl (4,2)
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# Kingdom Hearts II elevates franchise

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In any medium, four years can make for a lengthy wait between sequels. With that much down-time, the finished product had better be worth it.

File *Kingdom Hearts II* under "definitely worth it."

Developer Square Enix maintained an interest in the franchise the way the makers of *The Matrix* should've been able to do it. While they let the Playstation 2 hit's sequel simmer during the latter stages of development, they released *Kingdom Hearts: Chain of Memories* on Nintendo's Game Boy Advance as a bridge between the events of the two stories. But don't worry, audiences won't miss a beat: the three-hour playtime of the prologue (that's not a typo—three hours of tutorials and recaps) brings even new fans up to speed.

To sum up the deep, intricate story somewhat briefly, Sora, Donald Duck and Goofy continue to hop between worlds spanning such Disney films as *Beauty and the Beast*, *Aladdin* and *The Lion King* and including elements of Square Enix's legendary *Final Fantasy* series of games. In this outing, Sora and company have much more to contend with than simply duking it out with creatures of pure darkness and searching for Sora's best pal Riku and love-interest Kairi. This time, the Three Multi-Franchise Amigos embroil themselves in a conflict between the hooded Organization XIII and the return of *Sleeping Beauty* villainess Maleficent.

They're the "good" in an evil-versus-evil sandwich cookie.

The almost-too-lengthy prologue introduces the concept of mini-games-a-go-go. Literally, the things are everywhere. The world of *The Little Mermaid*—which made for a horrendous, cheesy level with bad game-play mechanics in the first game—becomes nothing but musical mini-games.

Based around two songs from the movie and one bleeding-from-the-ears bad original. It also more or less cul-

minates in a probable first: a mini-game boss fight, based entirely on utilizing a circular gauge similar to the one used to kick field goals in the *Mad Men Football* series.

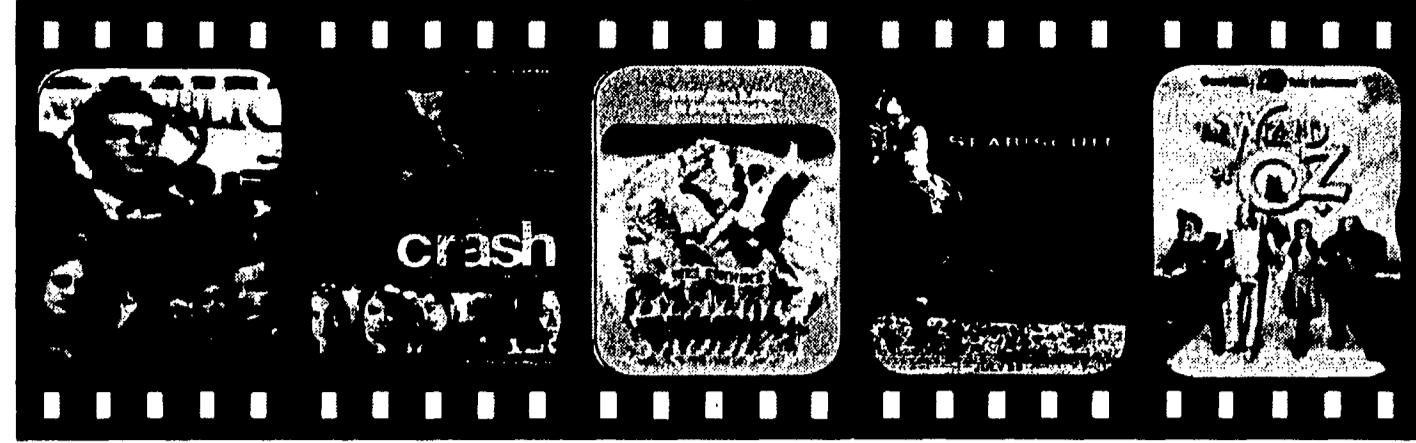
Thankfully, the poorly-executed levels begin and end there. No doubt, much of the four years between games went into fixing the first game's aggravating camera system. This time out, the right analog stick controls the camera, which makes for fewer flubs that can be blamed on the game itself.

The *Hercules*-inspired level improved greatly, including a great cameo from a popular character from *Final Fantasy X*. Previously, this level's only use came from the ease with which players could strengthen Sora's abilities by fighting in repeated tournaments. Here, a story lends it some actual significance.

Best of all, the fighting system ups the ante by giving the gamer more options for fighting through the worlds. Most fights come complete with enemy-specific special attacks that execute with the push of a button, in addition to some cooperative attacks with Donald and Goofy that can sometimes even use one enemy as a weapon against others.

The good far outweighs the bad. If the original took the concept from marginal long-shot success to best-selling stand-out title, one more successful entry in the series could elevate the *Kingdom Hearts* series to an even higher level of respect among serious gamers.

The only request? That Square Enix not subject fans to another four-year layoff.



## Editor's Flick Picks

### Shattered Glass

As a journalist I probably find this film a little more interesting than others. Like *Crash* this movie is a recent release, 2003, and was nominated for a Golden Globe in 2004.

The film documents the true story of Stephen Glass, played by Hayden Christensen (*The Virgin Suicides*), who goes from being one of the most sought after journalists in the 90s to a disgrace in the journalism community. In his mid-20s, Glass finds himself working for *The New Republic*, the self-proclaimed "in-flight magazine of Air Force One." Glass's desperate need for acceptance and his conniving behavior leads him on a path of destruction and eventually to the end of his career.

To an aspiring journalist Glass's story is a lesson for editors and fact checkers alike. The movie unravels as holes show in Glass's pieces and by the end the viewer may not know what to make of Glass. If you see the DVD, I would highly recommend watching the *Sixty Minutes* interview with the real Glass, who is actually creepier than Hayden's portrayal.

Overall *Shattered Glass* is an excellent drama and a lesson in journalism for aspiring writers.

### Crash

This film is not for the faint of heart. *Crash* successfully intertwines harsh racial and political issues into pure moments of chance.

Halfway into this film I was outraged with some characters and by the end of the film I felt maybe these same characters weren't so bad.

In short the film covers several different intertwining stories.

Set in Los Angeles, Director Paul Haggis (*Million Dollar Baby*) follows multiple story lines over a 48-hour period.

Haggis successfully represents people from all different walks of life; all with different stereotypes about the other characters and at times, even themselves.

The film has a star-studded cast including Don Cheadle (*Hotel Rwanda*), Sandra Bullock (*The Net*), Ludacris (*Hustle & Flow*) and many more.

At the 2006 Oscars this film picked up Best Motion Picture along with two other Oscars.

*Crash* is an eye-opening experience and can be an emotional rollercoaster if you let it be.

### Blazing Saddles

A friend introduced me to this spoof on Western films and political correctness in high school and I've been a fan ever since.

Released in 1974, the plot centers around a small town in the West during the time of the railroad.

In order to get the railroad through the town, an incompetent governor, Mel Brooks (*The Producers*), appoints an African-American sheriff, Cleavon Little (*Cotton Comes to Harlem*), thinking he will divide the town allowing the railroad companies to move in.

The film makes every joke at the expense of the greedy white man. Every time I watch this film I find something else to laugh at that I missed such as a quick one-liner or someone dancing awkwardly in the background.

The film was nominated for three Oscars in 1975 and I would consider it Mel Brooks' best work.

If you can take a joke and not be offended by the film's blatant political incorrectness I would definitely recommend *Blazing Saddles*.

### Seabiscuit

### The Wizard of Oz

As a life-long horse lover I first read Laura Hillenbrand's book *Seabiscuit*, which inspired the movie, six months before the film came out in theaters. I couldn't wait to see it and the movie did not disappoint.

The book as always packs a lot more history and interesting facts about horse racing and the Great Depression and why *Seabiscuit* was so influential.

Gary Ross (*Pleasantville*), who wrote the screenplay, does a decent job of covering the important material in the book. The film, like *Shattered Glass*, documents the true story of *Seabiscuit*, an under-dog racehorse. *Seabiscuit* united a country that was falling apart during the Great Depression and touched, in particular, the lives of three men who trained, rode and owned him.

The 2003 release was nominated for seven Oscars and in the last track scene I can honestly say I felt like I was in the stadium and not in a theater. I would recommend this to anyone who wants to watch a film that tells the story of one of the greatest racehorses of all time.

| UPCOMING AREA CONCERTS                                     |   |  |  |   |   |
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| <b>Thursday, April 13</b>                                  | <b>Friday, April 14</b>                                   | <b>Saturday, April 15</b>                                  | <b>Monday, April 17</b>  | <b>Tuesday, April 18</b>                                | <b>Thursday, April 20</b>   |
| 6:30 p.m.<br>Fall Out Boy<br>City Market; Kansas City, Mo. | 8 PM<br>James Taylor<br>Midland Theatre; Kansas City, Mo. | 7:30 PM<br>Rob Zombie<br>Memorial Hall; Kansas City, Kan.  | 7:30 PM<br>Bob Dylan<br>Midland Theatre; Kansas City, Mo.        | 6 PM<br>Jack's Mannequin<br>The Blue Note; Columbia, MO | 8 PM<br>KC & the Sunshine Band<br>VooDoo Lounge; Kansas City, Mo. |
| 9 PM<br>Eisley<br>Bottleneck; Lawrence, Kan.               | 8 PM<br>Saves the Day<br>Granada; Lawrence, Kan.          | 8:30 PM<br>McFadden Brothers<br>Blue Room; Kansas City, MO | 9 PM<br>Grand Champeen<br>Hurricane Kansas City; Kansas City, MO | 7:30 PM<br>Catch 22<br>Granada; Lawrence, KS            | 9:30 PM<br>Dem Franchise Boyz<br>The Blue Note; Columbia, MO      |

## Bearcat Softball

Come cheer on the Bearcat Softball team Friday, April 14th & Saturday, April 15th for the Northwest Classic! The Bearcats take on Minnesota State & Washburn on Friday at 2:30 & 4:30; upper Iowa & Emporia on Saturday at 11:30 & 1:30. Don't miss out on the last home softball games of the season!

## Bearcat Baseball

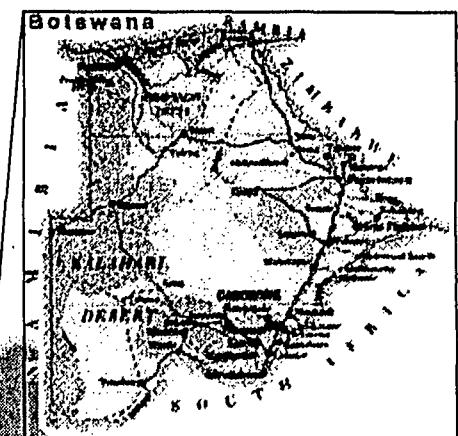
Come join the Bearcat Baseball team as they take on Pittsburg State Friday, April 14th at 1PM, & Saturday, April 15th at noon. You will be able to pick up your Easter Eggs throughout the games & we will also have South Complex represent the Residents here on Saturday.

# A Life Less Ordinary



**(top)** WHILE VACATIONING in Africa, Jeff and Gina visited friends in Lusaka, Zambia. They were in the process of building a new home. These huts are an example of the traditional housing many people reside in. **(middle)** JEFF AND GINA encountered this woman during their vacation to Botswana in Feb. 2009. Her name is Godumetseng. She recognized Jeff instantly as being her teacher 12 years earlier. **(bottom)** JEFF TAUGHT classes of industrial technology classes at Sua School in Nata. This photo captures Jeff and several of the local school children in 1991. Teaching was the main part of his work in the Peace Corps.

PHOTOS COURTESY JEFF SMITH



**Terrain:** Mainly flat and with some rolling veldtland. The Kalahari Desert is located in the Southwest and the Okavango Delta is in the Northwest.

**Population:** 1,639,833  
 Less residents than Missouri!

## Couple dedicates life to furthering economic development.

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Close your eyes.

Imagine a life without television, a life where the closest town is four hours away. Imagine a life without the easy convenience of a Wal-Mart on every corner, for all of your one-stop shopping needs.

Imagine instead a life centered on interaction with other people. Imagine a place filled with more diversity and nature than most people will ever see. A life where passing an elephant on a dirt road is an every day occurrence, and the pace of life slows down to let you do the things you like.

For one Maryville couple, this is the life they are choosing.

Jeff and Gina Smith are packed up and ready to take off to a destination beyond the grasp of American society.

### A change in scenery

Botswana is located in the heart of Southern Africa. Shakawe, Botswana is a small rural area, comprised predominantly of San people. The San are an indigenous group often referred to as Bushman. According to Jeff, the term "Bushman" is considered to be a derogatory term to the San people but is used as a description to people unfamiliar with the area.

The people live in a variety of styles of homes. Several live in traditional homes, which are arranged as compounds rather than one unit. According to Jeff, the kids will sleep in one hut, while the parents will sleep in another separate unit. The same goes for other areas of the home.

Shakawe is mainly a swamp-like area due to the presence of the Okavango Delta. According to Gina, the area is similar to Arizona. Directly south of Shakawe lies the Kalahari Desert.

Many documentaries are filmed in Botswana. They typically focus on the northern regions. The area contains the Nxai Pan and Chobe National Parks, along with the Central Kalahari Game Preserve.

### A destination and a purpose

For the next two years Jeff and Gina will

be living in Shakawe. He was recently offered a position to work with a developmental company known as the Trust for Okavango Cultural and Development Initiatives or TOCaDI.

According to Jeff, the position is paid, and is not a mission trip.

TOCaDI is an organization working to achieve economic advancement; he will be serving as Deputy Coordinator. In this position he will assist the Coordinator in working with and understanding western business culture, along with developing sustainable economic systems.

According to Gina, it is possible some people in the Shakawe area have not encountered money, which will make it difficult to deal with progressive business.

### The journey "home"

The journey to Shakawe is easier said than done, leaving next Monday, his flight will route him through Atlanta and then shoot east to Johannesburg, South Africa. After landing, Jeff will purchase a vehicle and pick up Gina when her flight comes in April 24.

According to Gina, vehicles are not common and few people own one.

The couple has a six-week window for their trip. Jeff doesn't begin work until June 1, so they will drive up the west coast of Africa, making stops to gather supplies. Everything must be ready because a supermarket isn't exactly right around the corner. The nearest town is four hours away in Maun.

According to Jeff, the village of Shakawe may have a grocery store, but it would resemble something similar to Bearcat Express. They would probably sell things like tomatoes, cabbage, meat and maybe gas.

"It isn't likely to find someone with cheese or green pepper," Jeff said.

An order was accidentally placed for a case of cream, at a local shop, which is not typically found in the area. According to Jeff, the locals didn't know what cream was, so they wouldn't purchase it. One of Jeff's friends realized what he had stumbled on and purchased all of it for cooking.

In Shakawe, they will be living in a fairly modern western-style home. However, mov-

ing to another continent isn't the easiest switch to pull off; there are restrictions regarding how much luggage and personal items they can bring along.

"We can only take what we can carry," Gina said. "We need to make sure we take what we need rather than what we want."

Aside from clothes and basic toiletries, they are bringing along a handful of books and a laptop.

According to Jeff, when hitchhikers pass through the villages they frequently trade books with residents, so they will never run short of reading material.

According to Gina, they will return to Maryville when the work in Shakawe is done. They both enjoy the small town atmosphere Maryville provides, but are looking forward to the break from the constant pace of society.

### An application that changed a life

From 1989 to 1994 Jeff spent time in Botswana working with the Peace Corps and later on a contract working on a wildlife sanctuary.

The first two years were spent with the Peace Corps. Jeff taught at a middle school in Nata, teaching industrial technology to five different classes of students, twice a week. He received his degree in industrial technology from Northwest in 1980.

Jeff still has contact with some of his former students via e-mail and phone calls.

An ad for the Peace Corps aired on television at 2 a.m. one night while Jeff was living in Kansas City, Mo. The next day he went to the local office and signed up.

"You don't expect to end up in Africa," Jeff said. "It's a surreal experience. It was exactly where I wanted to be, a small village with everything I wanted or within two hours."



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### Botswana Quick Facts

■ People living with HIV/AIDS: 350,000. Botswana has one of the highest HIV infection rates in the world.

■ Ethnic Groups: Tswana 79%, Kalanga 11%, Basarwa 3%, others are Kgalagadi and white 7%.

■ Languages: Setswana, Kalanga, Sekgalagadi, English and others.

■ Literacy Definition: people 15 and over can read.

Total literate population: 79.8%

■ Communications:  
 Telephones-land lines in use: 136,500

Telephones-cellular: 571,400

Television broadcast stations: 1

-Information from CIA-The World Factbook